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It Takes Talent

Obviously it takes talent to run a college, and Wesleyan is no exception. Every person, no matter what position she or he holds, plays an integral role in making Wesleyan an enduringly successful institution of higher learning. After working here almost two years now, I find myself learning more about the people who run the college we call "the oldest and best." One such person is our Director of Residence Life and Judicial Services Christy Henry (above right).

So just what does a director of residence life and judicial affairs do? "Good question," says Henry, with a laugh. "How long do you have?" Basically, it is a 24/7 position. So much so that, in fact, Henry and her husband will soon be moving into one of the apartment buildings on campus so she will be more readily available to students. "My husband is OK with the move," she says, smiling. But then, her enthusiasm for her job is so contagious that it's apparent why he was convinced.

Henry's responsibilities run the gamut from interviewing, selecting and supervising resident advisors (RAs), assigning rooms, working with Physical Plant staff to make sure everything in the residence halls and apartments is in good working order, to serving as an adviser to the Honor Council. "I love my job," says the Pennsylvania native. "It's great to see students learn, grow and change." She says residence life and judicial services have the responsibilities of providing students with their basic housing needs and helping them develop a community through exposure to different cultures and experiences. "We complement the academic experience and the mission of the college by helping them focus on academics while enjoying their time at college," she says.

Pairing roommates is one of the most challenging aspects of Henry's job. Although it is not an exact science, Henry says there are five factors that can "make or break" whether a selection will work: 1. Moral values; 2. Smoking vs. non-smoking; 3. Messy vs. clean;

4. Preference in room temperature; and 5. Sleeping habits. That's why all students who will be living on campus are first required to fill out a questionnaire about such habits and personal preferences. "We're seeing more and more students who have never shared a room," she says. "Part of our job is to expose them to different cultures and help them learn to compromise. But we are also here to help them realize when some differences can't be overcome. That's why we have an open room change time about two weeks into the fall semester, then again in the spring. We don't want roommates who are obviously not getting along to feel like they are 'stuck' with each other. Although we work on teaching them to compromise, we also want to empower women so they know when to say no or when to put their foot down."

Henry says one of her greatest responsibilities, overseeing and working with the RAs, is also one of the most rewarding parts of her job. "The RAs are the front line in dealing directly with any issues that arise in the halls and apartments," she says. "But since this is such a small campus, I do get that one-on-one interaction with the RAs and residents that I really enjoy. I especially enjoy helping the RAs learn how to build a positive community."

Selecting students to serve as RAs can also be a tricky business, but Henry says she has been very fortunate at Wesleyan. "They have to have a sincere love for this college and want to help their fellow residents because, as an RA, there are few perks and not a lot of money involved," she says with a smile. "They also have to be good team players with lots of patience and compassion. I love working with the RAs. It is such an incredible experience to watch them and the residents come together to learn, grow and change."



Talent abounds: (Top) Barry Rhoades, Teresa Smotherman, and Patrick Pritchard strum a song during Faculty Follies. (Right) Del Crisp and Bob King show off their musical talents during the annual staff luncheon.





2003: A Bright Future

Article by Cynthia W. Robinson

If the Class of 2003 is any indication, Wesleyan's tradition of training strong yet compassionate female leaders for the past 167 years will continue another 167 years and beyond.

Graduate Toyosi Fatunase, pictured above, is just one example. After four years of outstanding academic achievements leading to a dual degree in chemistry and biology, the native of Nigeria's next stop is medical school. "At the moment, I am interested in pediatrics because I like working with children," says Fatunase, who graduated *magna cum laude* and was accepted at both Duke and Washington University medical schools. "However, I would like to go into academic medicine and end up teaching and doing administrative work at a large hospital."

One of her fellow graduates, Jodi Miller (upper right), also plans further studies, but has a more immediate goal in mind—hiking through the North Carolina section of the Appalachian Trail this summer, a total of 92 miles. "I hiked the Georgia section (70 miles) over spring break," says Miller, who earned a degree in advertising and marketing communication and plans on pursuing a master's degree in journalism at Columbia College Chicago. "I'd eventually like to work in outdoor sports marketing or go into journalism and write about women in the wilderness."

Miller's love of the outdoors was first instilled at an early age on hiking trips with

her parents and brother and further developed at Wesleyan through two independent studies with Dr. Patrick Pritchard. "He (Dr. Pritchard) was my mentor. Both of the studies focused on women's adventures and he inspired me to go on my own vision quest," she says.

Adventure of a different kind was the first order of business for Jennica Schenck, who graduated *cum laude* with a degree in biology. "Following graduation, I spent three weeks in Brazil on summer missions with the Georgia Baptist Convention through the Baptist Student Union (BSU)," says Schenck, who is currently working in the medical field in Macon to gain experience for physician's assistant school at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Another outstanding Golden Heart, Virginia Dicken, is furthering her education. Dicken was the recipient of the National Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship, the sixth Wesleyan graduate to do so in the last eight years. She has been accepted into the psychology Ph.D. program at Southern Illinois University to do health psychology research. "I was also very honored to receive their Morris Fellowship, Southern Illinois' top fellowship," she says.

Yet another Golden Heart, Torey Jones, has been accepted at the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy where she will be pursuing her doctorate in pharmacy beginning this fall.

Also among this year's graduates headed to graduate school are Golden Heart Class President Asha Smith, who will be attending Stanford University's Ph.D. program in psychology, and Jacqueline Thompson who will further her education by pursuing her graduate degree at the Savannah College of Art and Design in interior design.

Encore student Erin Gilchrist says she is looking forward to continuing her career and eventually pursuing her MBA at Wesleyan. "I have been employed by GEICO for seven years and have been pursuing my degree at Wesleyan part-time for the past six years," she says. "Now that I have completed my degree, I look forward to the many opportunities for advancement that GEICO offers me, and I also look forward to pursuing my MBA soon."

Regardless of what future endeavors the Golden Hearts of 2003 pursue, they will always cherish their years at Wesleyan. "I felt so comfortable at Wesleyan," Miller says. "The all-female environment made me feel empowered and I learned so many things about myself."

Fatunase agrees. She says that whatever the future holds, she is confident that her Wesleyan education has prepared her for anything that comes her way. "I think it's great that Wesleyan has such a diverse student body so everyone can find her niche," she said. "And there are plenty of opportunities for leadership. It's a great atmosphere for learning."



As Good as Gold

Commencement 2003

Gathering of Golden Hearts: Cathy Coxey Snow '71, alumnae director, Asha Smith '03, senior class president, Toni Jennings '71, commencement speaker, and President Ruth A. Knox '75.

Wesleyan College graduates share an indescribable bond. That connection remains no matter the field of study, the era the students walked the campus, or their classification as "traditional" or "nontraditional" scholars. For example, Wesleyan's 167th commencement featured many years of Golden Hearts—the Wesleyan Class of 2003, Wesleyan College President Ruth Austin Knox '75, commencement speaker Florida Lieutenant Governor Toni Jennings '71, and marker ceremony speaker and Alumnae Director Cathy Coxey Snow '71.

In addition to being a celebration of all things "golden," this commencement marked other "firsts" for the world's first college for women—the first time an alumna conferred the degrees and the first time that graduates of Wesleyan's Executive Master of Business Administration program participated in May graduation.

Focusing on "firsts" and "bonds," Snow addressed the special connection this year's class shares with those who have gone before.

"The commonality of the Wesleyan experience reaches across generations of women in time and touches us 167 years later in very much the same way as the first Wesleyan graduates. For the heart and soul of sisterhood has remained a constant in Wesleyan history.

"In 1966, a 17-year-old girl from south Florida entered Wesleyan's gates on the Rivoli Campus, her visit prompted by an alumna who lived in her neighborhood. It was a typical September day in Macon, rainy and overcast, but the stormy clouds did not in any way diminish the overwhelming sense of place she felt as she entered those gates to tour the campus, meet with faculty and visit with students. She knew, almost immediately, that Wesleyan would become her place, and she returned home to write a letter to Queen's College, another women's college, declining a four-year scholarship to that school," Snow continued, recalling her own experience. "Thirty-seven years later, this Golden Heart of 1971





still experiences that overwhelming sense of place as she enters the Wesleyan campus and makes her way to the alumnae office each day, mindful of the many ways in which Wesleyan has enriched her life."

Jennings, whose most recent "first" achievement was her appointment, in March, as Florida's first female lieutenant governor, also recounted Wesleyan's tradition of excellence that continues today.

"Wesleyan College has produced a number of firsts for women and it is an honor, as an alumna, to return and serve as the commencement speaker for this graduating class," Jennings said. "As the world's oldest women's college, Wesleyan has done a wonderful job preparing its students for successful careers and leadership roles. I want to commend the class of 2003 for their hard work and I challenge them to use their education to help others and improve their communities."

Presiding over her first commencement as president, Knox reiterated Wesleyan's tradition of graduating women who make a difference when presenting honorary doctorates to Jennings and successful businesswoman, Nancy Panoz, co-founder of the Elan Corporation, the first Irish company to have a public offering in the U.S. market.

"Wesleyan is particularly delighted to honor these two women of distinction who have made significant contributions to their families, their communities and the world," Knox said. "In unique ways, these women have

made a lasting impact through their determination, innovation and service. They are living examples of the kind of woman Wesleyan has been educating for the past 167 years."

As the members of the Class of 2003 naturally turn towards the future and their roles in society, Snow encouraged them to find strength in their ties to their fellow graduates, as well as the generations of Wesleyan students before them.

"As the newest members of the oldest alumnae association in the world, remember to stay connected to your Wesleyan sisters, that privileged world-wide league of 7,000 alumnae, who are each a part of the history that is first for women," Snow said. "They are women who understand the language of sisterhood and the traditions that continue to shape all of our lives. They are the guardians of Wesleyan's future and welcome you as co-partners in that cause."

"It has been said that the noblest of all memories are the treasured recollections of the great moments of friendship. Keep these memories of sisterhood close to your heart and recall them whenever you need to find moments of joy in your life. They will remind you of that sense of place that you feel whenever you want to return to your Wesleyan home. And we hope you will return often. It's really easy you know. Just put on your purple shoes, click the heels together three times and say, 'there's no place like Wesleyan.'"

The Honorable Toni Jennings

- ♥ Toni was born Antoinette Lee Jennings on May 17, 1949. She has two younger siblings, twin brothers John and Jeff.
- ♥ She is a product of Florida's public school system.
- ♥ Ms. Jennings graduated *cum laude* with an A.B. in elementary education from Wesleyan College in 1971.
- ♥ While teaching, she pursued a master's degree as a reading specialist from Rollins College in Orlando, Florida.
- ♥ At age 23, she joined her father's construction company, Jack Jennings and Sons, and served as president until her appointment as lieutenant governor. In 2002, the family-owned business celebrated its 54th anniversary.
- ♥ At age 27, she became the youngest woman to serve at that time in the state House of Representatives (1976). She later became the first woman to head the Senate commerce panel.
- ♥ A native Floridian, she was elected to the Florida Senate in 1980. She was the first Republican woman in the Legislature elected by her colleagues to serve as President of the Senate, and was the first Senator in history to serve two successive terms as President (1996–2000). She was also the first Republican woman Minority Leader of either house of the legislature, serving two terms (1983–1984 and 1986–1988).
- ♥ On March 3, 2003, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush appointed Jennings as his lieutenant governor, the first woman ever to fill the post.
- ♥ Jennings served as the driving force behind Florida's school readiness program. During her Senate presidency, she earned both the "Legislator of the Year" and "Friend of Education" awards from the Florida School Board Association.
- ♥ Additional awards include Florida Guardian of Small Businesses and the Florida Wildlife Association/National Wildlife Association Conservation Legislator of the Year. Jennings was twice named the Friend of the First Amendment and is a member of the Florida Women's Hall of Fame.
- ♥ She also serves on the Florida Tax Watch Board, the National Advisory Council of the Arnold Palmer Hospital and the University of Central Florida Foundation Board.

Excerpted from www.myflorida.com/myflorida/government/meetgovernor/jennings.html



Global Reporting

*Janet Jones
Rice '90*

When Janet Jones Rice '90 arrived at Wesleyan, she was following in the footsteps of her mother, Elizabeth Wallace Jones '57, and great-grandmother, Elizabeth Quin Wayne. After graduating with a degree in English journalism, however, she took a decidedly different road.

Rice's career path started out ordinarily enough. "My English journalism degree gave me an introduction into my first reporting job with the Warner Robins *Daily Sun*," she says. "That catapulted me into various writing jobs with the media."

Those jobs, which included stints with WGXA-TV 24, the ABC (now FOX) Macon affiliate and a television and radio station in West Palm Beach, Florida, soon led her in a different direction. First, she accepted a position with *Food for the Poor* as a senior writer and correspondent, then moved on to World Vision Afghanistan, where she works today as a communications manager.

"My social conscience led me there. I decided I wanted to use my journalism skills and experience to help the world, not some company's bottom line," she writes from her office in Herat, Afghanistan. "A friend happened to hear about the FFP job and turned me on to it. I heard about World Vision after sponsoring a child at a friend's recommendation. I loved what WV was doing for women and children and decided to get a job with them. I also wanted to work in the field, to see what it would be like outside my comfortable little world in South Florida. Afghanistan is the most challenging place I can ever imagine a woman working!"

According to Rice, her many responsibilities include promoting World Vision's program in Afghanistan by visiting projects, writing articles, taking photographs and videotaping the very poor, particularly women and children. She also has relationships with key media outlets to supply them

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with story ideas to favorably position World Vision Afghanistan as a leading Christian relief and development agency.

Despite the removal of the Taliban-run government, Rice says the living conditions for those living in the area of western Afghanistan where she works has not improved, especially for women and children. "The biggest problem for women is lack of access to basic health care, especially prenatal care. The maternal mortality rate in Afghanistan is 1,600 out of every 100,000 women and in one province, it's 6,500/100,000!" she says. This is especially tragic considering the maternal mortality rate is 7 out of every 100,000 births in the United States. But Rice is determined to do her part in making a difference.

"We are re-training dozens of traditional birthing attendants to recognize problems during pregnancy, properly deliver babies, disinfect instruments and such. This is important because more than 90 percent of Afghan births take place in the home with attendants." Compounding the problem is that most hospital and clinic workers are male. For a traditional Afghan Muslim husband, having another male touch or even see his wife is a source of great shame, Rice says.

Although World Vision runs feeding programs for more than 50,000 pregnant and nursing women and children under five, malnutrition is a major cause of death in Afghan children of that age.

Another obstacle, Rice says, is the poor infrastructure of the war-torn country. "Decent roads are almost non-existent in the mountainous province where we work, called Badghis (northwest Afghanistan). Rehabilitating more than 70 kilometers of unpaved roads has meant we can get aid in, people can more easily access markets and clinics, and we can provide temporary paying work in the forms of either food or cash for rehabilitating the roads to men so they can feed their families," she says. "For the longer term we have distributed quality seeds and fertilizer to help drought-devastated communities get their farms going again after three years of drought. We are building water catchments for more than 400 families. Only 19 percent of rural Afghans have access to clean water. Dirty water is the cause of much sickness and death, especially in children under five."



According to Rice, another huge problem those in her area face is the lack of a stable government. "Most people don't realize that Afghanistan's president, Hamid Karzai, has no authority outside Kabul. In most of the country people are still ruled by warlords, heroes of the former mujahedin. Our warlord, 'Governor' Ismail Khan, requires that Afghan women wear burqas, not expatriates like me, and that girls only be taught by women," Rice says. "The problem is that women qualified to teach would rather work as cleaners, where they can make more money plus benefits. They are not supposed to take these jobs, but they do anyway. I could go on and on about conditions for women. They are worse in my area than anywhere in the country. Girls can't even take P.E. at school. It was interesting: We did a sub-project with one road rehabilitation project where we had 700 women doing some light work on the roadsides, away from the men's teams. This was the first time most of the women ever worked outside their homes!"

"After initial reservations, the community's men were happy to have their wives earning incomes and helping their families. The women were earning about eight times what they would earn making a carpet over the same amount of time. Carpet making is

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the traditional work for women. Our women received their pay in hand. This gave them a lot of pride, even though most had to turn over the income to their husbands."

Yet, despite challenges that many people would find intolerable, Rice is unfazed in her dedication to improve the lives of the poor that World Vision serves.

"My Wesleyan education taught me that women can do anything. Who knows if I'd ever have believed that a woman could or should work in Afghanistan had I not attended a school that opened my mind?" Rice says. "And Wesleyan brought me together with women from all over who do amazing things. I wanted to join their ranks."

No doubt about it, she has.

Leadership Institute

Students travel the nation for “real world” leadership

Article by Cynthia W. Robinson



Leadership Institute 2003: Students Rachel Garcia, Lauren Haney, Brandy Heineman, Holly McMillian, Shelley Molleur, Emily Neal, Sherrie Randall, Meara Richter, Jennica Schenck, Danielle Wiggins and Elaina Winter (pictured above) were selected to attend the Wesleyan College Leadership Institute in Boston, Mass., in August 2002. Also attending were Dr. Patrick Pritchard, Dr. Barbara Donovan and Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63.

Since it was formed by Wesleyan alumnae and trustees Diane A. Lumpkin '63, Alexis X. Bighley '67 and Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63 in 2000, the Wesleyan College Leadership Institute has given Wesleyan women the opportunity to grow and experience leadership possibilities in the “real world.”

“The Institute is important because it gives Wesleyan’s top students an opportunity to explore the various ways which leadership can be exercised by women in ‘real life’ settings,” says Patrick Pritchard, assistant professor of education. “These students also become a cohort that can powerfully influence their Wesleyan sisters as they exercise leadership on campus.”

The first Institute took place in Denver and Breckenridge, Colorado, where attendees learned details about strategic planning, particularly the successful revitalization of downtown Denver. The second year, the Institute was held in Seattle and focused on genetics, the emerging technology in elections and visits to Boeing and Microsoft.

The focus of last summer’s Institute in Boston was the relationship between liberal learning and leadership as reflected in the Institute theme, “The Legacy of the American Renaissance: Liberal Values and Leadership

for an Uncertain Future.” The thesis for this was that freedom and critical thinking are the foundation of American creativity and entrepreneurship, Pritchard says.

Each Institute offered those selected unique opportunities to meet and interact with leaders in their respective fields and gain insight from their experiences. This summer’s Institute will be no exception.

From August 4 through 10, Wesleyan students Amanda Wood, Mary-Charlotte Young, Mary Kathryn Borland, Joanne Patterson, Priscilla Howell, Jessica Bennett, Dell Trussell, Amanda Gluck, Meredith Gilbert, Emily Dukes and Erin Zinko, will travel to Santa Fe, New Mexico, for this year’s Institute focusing on the arts. The group’s schedule will encompass a visit to the Santa Fe Art Institute, which will include a lecture and program by May Stevens, a leading artist, feminist and activist. The Institute will also include a trip to the opera, the Georgia O’Keefe Museum and numerous other lectures and classes with professional artists. And, as always, a physical activity—whitewater rafting—will be included.

“Students selected to participate in the Institute are not simply picked because of their grades,” Bighley says. “They have to be well-rounded. Not only do they have to demonstrate leadership abilities, but they have to be able to be physically active as well.”

Bighley, along with co-founders Lumpkin and Pfeiffer, didn’t just found the Institute and step away. All three are hands-on in continued funding and planning and will once again attend the Institute along with the chosen students and faculty members.

According to Bighley, the Institute benefits the participants and Wesleyan College.

“The Institute is not only a great way to build leadership skills in these young women, but it also expands their horizons,” Bighley says. “It is a wonderful way to differentiate these Wesleyannes when they apply for jobs. Participants in the Institute come to know first-hand what a valuable educational experience Wesleyan provides, which helps ensure their support of the college in the future.”



First annual Urban Education Conference is a success

Urban education, a hot topic among today's educators, attracted 160 people to Wesleyan's campus on April 11–12, 2003, when the education department sponsored "Urban Education: Going Beyond the Pedagogy of Poverty."

Calling the conference "very successful" and citing "extremely good evaluations," Dr. Juanita Carson, assistant professor of education, said the two-day event attracted educators from Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Ohio and Kentucky. Carson was one of the conference organizers along with Dr. Patrick Pritchard, who is also an assistant professor of education at Wesleyan. Sharlyn Green and Amber Poulson, administrative assistants to the education faculty, played instrumental roles in making the conference a success.

Kicking off the event was Esme Raji Codell, author of *Educating Esme*, a diary of Codell's first year as a teacher, which includes her triumphs and disappointments, her victories and failures. Stephanie Mercer, one of 30 Wesleyan students who attend the conference, reported that Codell "held the audience's rapt attention."

Dr. Asa Hilliard III, Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Urban Education at Georgia State University in Atlanta, was the keynote speaker. This respected teacher, psychologist and historian addressed issues such as "white flight" of teachers to suburban schools, test scores among urban school children and the challenges of teaching in an urban school.

Wesleyan's Dr. Catherine Meeks presented a paper on holistic learning as exemplified in her research through Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table, a resource center for families in a Macon housing project. Meeks is the executive director of Aunt Maggie's and a social science professor and director of the Wesleyan Center for Community Engagement and Service.

Mercer said she left the conference with "a lot to think about. A big bravo goes out to the speakers and organizers for their efforts."

"It is important to have urban education dialogue," Carson said, adding that plans are already under way for next year's conference.

"The Woman's Way" presented

A day-long symposium titled "The Woman's Way in the 21st Century" was presented on March 25 as part of the Wesleyan College Women's Studies Program. The event featured presentations by several Wesleyan students and a keynote address by Sunita Manian, former Wesleyan assistant professor of economics and current coordinator of interdisciplinary studies and associate professor of political economy at Georgia College and State University.

The Wesleyan College Women's Studies Program, Wesleyan Institutional Renewal Group and the Wesleyan College Center for Community Engagement and Service sponsored the symposium.

Addressing topics that ranged from women in the media to economic development for women to tributes to Eleanor Roosevelt and Sojourner Truth, the free program attracted more than 300 students and members of the general public.

Popular financial guru makes a return appearance at Wesleyan

Will she or won't she? That was one question on some people's minds following Suze Orman's D. Abbott Turner Lecture on April 17, 2003. When asked what she would like to do when all of her various television contracts expire, well-known financial expert and best-selling author Suze Orman said she would like to teach at Wesleyan College. "I would like to. All my contracts end when I turn 55," the 51-year-old Orman said. Whether or not she is serious remains to be seen, but the answer proved a popular one with the large crowd gathered to hear the economic advice guru's second lecture at Wesleyan—her first being at the D. Abbott Turner Lecture in October 2001.

Orman, who makes it a policy not to speak at the same location twice, said she made an exception for Wesleyan after being so impressed with the college on her first visit. Orman, who is a regular fixture on CNBC, PBS and numerous other publications and programs, said she was prompted to pen her latest bestseller after September 11 and the economic downturn that followed. Much of her advice during her lecture and the question-and-answer period at a luncheon that followed was aimed at the Wesleyan students in attendance. Her main points included getting rid of credit card debt, and advising students not to get into debt in the first place, having a positive attitude about paying back student loans, putting aside a cushion to cover eight months of expenses if needs arise, opening a Roth IRA and once that is done, purchasing real estate.

If Orman indeed decides to return to teach at Wesleyan in the future, she plans to put her own unique spin on things. "I will bring to my classes real-life finance scenarios, not what happens in textbooks," Orman told several students who gathered to ask her questions after the lecture. "It'll be down and dirty, straight talk about finance."



Suze Orman poses for a quick snapshot with Ryan Boon, student activities coordinator, and a big fan of Orman.

Professors receive teaching awards

Three Wesleyan professors were honored during the school's Annual Honors Day Convocation on April 24 in the Porter Family Memorial Auditorium.

Dr. Holly Boettger-Tong, left, was awarded the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award. Boettger-Tong, an assistant professor of biology at Wesleyan, holds a bachelor of science degree from St. Louis University, as well as an M.S. and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The Vulcan Materials Company presents this award to outstanding teachers at member colleges of The Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc. (GFIC). Since 1991, more than 100 teachers at GFIC member institutions have received grants of \$1,000 in honor of their dedication to excellence in the classroom. GFIC is an association of Georgia's 28 fully accredited private colleges and universities.

Dr. Matthew Martin, center, was presented the prestigious Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching. Martin, associate professor of English, earned his B.A. from Furman University before going on to earn his Master's at Oxford and later his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. The Munck Award is named for Wesleyan professor emerita of English, Eunice Ann Munck '38.

Dr. Regina Oost, right, received The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church



Exemplary Teacher Award. Oost, an associate professor of English, earned her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Utah. This award was established in 1992 to provide grants to United Methodist institutions to honor individuals who exemplify excellence in teaching, civility and concern for students and colleagues, and commitment to value-centered education, the institution and the community.



Professor presented Award of Distinction

Dr. Catherine Meeks, Clara Carter Acree Professor of Social Sciences and Professor of Socio-Cultural Studies at Wesleyan College, was presented the Award of Distinction for Community Service by Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful and the Cherry Blossom Festival. The award was presented during the Cherry Blossom Festival's Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon. Pictured at the luncheon are from left: County Commission Chairman Tommy Olmstead, Cherry Blossom Festival Chair Rev. Ronald Terry, Dr. Meeks, Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful Chairman Terry Smith, Cherry Blossom Festival President/CEO Allen Freeman and Macon Mayor C. Jack Ellis.

Habitat house marks another first

On Oct. 25, 2003, Wesleyan College will begin work on Macon's first Women Build Home for Habitat for Humanity and Wesleyan's first Habitat House. As a Women Build project, 90-95 percent of the work is done by women. While men are welcome on this project, women will be doing all of the organizing and most of the work.

Thus far a small group of Wesleyan faculty, staff and community leaders have begun organizing the project with 400-450 volunteers eventually needed for completion. The entire building process will take place over a ten-day period ending on Nov. 8 during homecoming celebrations and the dedication of the new Wesleyan Center for Community Engagement and Service.

Several exciting activities leading up to the actual building of the house are planned. These include a tour of the Habitat Global Village in Americus, a screening of the documentary, *Briars in the Cotton Patch*, and campus visits from the family who will live in the completed house.

The Habitat House will cost \$46,000 to build. Gifts of landscaping, roofing, flooring, windows and other building supplies are welcome as well as monetary contributions. BellSouth has already made a substantial commitment, as have the city of Macon, Chris Sheridan Construction, and Security Bank.

Wesleyan is broadening its commitment to include raising an additional \$1,500-\$2,000 needed to build an international house. The college is also involved in dialogue with Habitat International about establishing a date to end substandard housing in Macon. Contact Dr. Catherine Meeks for more information at (478) 757-3800 or email cmeeks@wesleyancollege.edu.

"Think Big and Settle for More"

The Center for Community Engagement and Service sponsored "The 21st Century Woman and Leadership: Thinking Big and Settling for More" on March 25. Students, faculty, staff and female community leaders participated. The forum, to be held twice each year, is designed to expand each participant's sense of what is possible and to help her reach for more in her life. It will expand Wesleyan's longtime role of fostering the intellectual, social, emotional and spiritual growth of women.

Featured keynote speakers were Susan Capauleto, reporter/producer with Georgia Public Radio, and Dr. Karen Armstead, former professor of history at San Jose State University and organizational development and leadership consultant in Seattle. Panel members for the event included Sherrie Marshall, executive editor of *The Macon Telegraph*; Kathryn Dennis, president of the Central Georgia Community Foundation; Bryndis Roberts '78, Wesleyan alumna and attorney; Patricia Gibbs, vice president for enrollment services and student affairs, Wesleyan College; and Dr. Barbara Donovan, Wesleyan associate professor of political science.

Emory theology professor Belk Lecturer

Dr. Roberta Bondi, professor of church history at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, was the guest speaker at Wesleyan College's Annual Belk Lecture on Thursday, March 20, in Porter Auditorium on the Wesleyan College campus. Bondi's speech, *Life in a Nutshell—Conversations with Julian of Norwich*, was free and open to the public.

Bondi earned her B.A. from Southern Methodist University before going on to earn her M.A. and D.Phil. at Oxford University. She is the author of numerous publications, including *In Ordinary Time: Healing the Wounds of the Heart*, *A Play to Pray: Reflections on the Lord's Prayer* and *Nick the Cat: Christian Reflections on the Stranger*.

"Writer's Writer" speaks at Lamar Lecture

Author Mary Hood was Wesleyan College's Lamar Lecturer for 2003. Her lecture was presented on Tuesday, April 1, in Porter Auditorium. Hood also gave a reading of her work on Wednesday, April 2, in the Peyton Anderson Amphitheatre in Taylor Hall.

Pat Conroy has said of Mary Hood, "She is not a good writer, she is a great writer." Hood received the Flannery O'Connor Award for her first collection of stories, *How Far She Went*, and the Townsend Award for her second collection, *And Venus is Blue*. Hood also received the Whiting Writing Award in 1994 and is the author of the novel, *Familiar Heat*. Born in Georgia and raised in North Carolina, Hood attended several colleges, including Boston University, Cornell University and UNC at Chapel Hill. She has served as a writer-in-residence at the University of Mississippi, the University of Georgia, and Agnes Scott College, among others. The mother of five, Hood is also a skilled musician and teacher of music. Hood is often cited as a "writer's writer," and her work has been widely acclaimed.



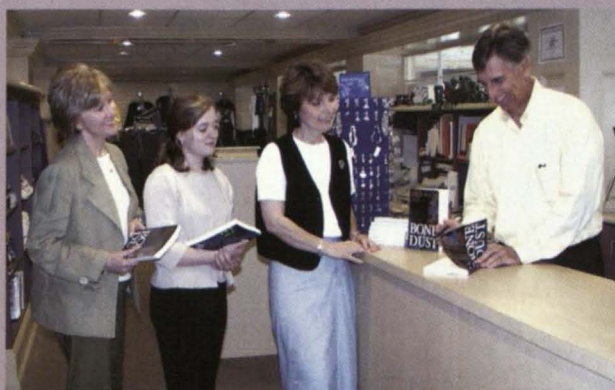
Dedication: On April 10, the Amphitheatre in Taylor Hall was dedicated as the Peyton Anderson Amphitheatre. Pictured above with the plaque honoring Mr. Anderson are Ruth A. Knox, Juanita Jordan, Executive Director of the Peyton Anderson Foundation, and Samuel P. Jones, husband of Denny O. Jones, niece of Peyton Anderson.

Professor, staff member, and students recognized at advertising awards

Dr. Glenna Dod, D. Abbott Turner Professor of Free Enterprise, was presented the Middle Georgia Excellence Award for Best Marketing Professor by the Central Georgia Advertising Federation. The award was presented during a ceremony at the Douglass Theatre on Saturday, March 8. The Federation's purpose is to recognize excellence in marketing and advertising. Graphic Designer Penny Kojak also won a Best In Show for Print.

In the student categories, the following Wesleyan College students won awards: Amanda Troughton, Outstanding Recognition for a Logo Design; Nicola Watson, Outstanding Recognition for three entries; and Jennifer Lindsey, Outstanding Recognition for a Public Service Video Announcement.

Five Wesleyan students also assisted in the presentation ceremony—Alexandra Aldica, Taniesh Millwood, Natalie Slack, Jennifer Lindsey and Irina Tanurcova.



Booksigning: Rick Maier, right, signs copies of his new book *Bone Dust* at the campus bookstore. Eager autograph seekers include (left to right) Pat Wall, Natalie Evans and Chris Whitmire.

Young alumnae surveys

This past March, and again in May, the academic dean's office mailed 644 surveys to alumnae who graduated from Wesleyan from 1993–2002. Wesleyan received 185 completed surveys, for a return of approximately 28 percent. The college is deeply grateful to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. The information provided is invaluable to Wesleyan's assessment and accreditation processes. The office of institutional research is currently compiling the results, which will be reported to cabinet, academic council and the trustees during their November 2003 meeting.



Adopt-a-Pot Project: Students, faculty and staff enjoyed the spring weather and helped beautify the Wesleyan campus as part of the Physical Plant's "Adopt-A-Pot" project. Individuals and group volunteers picked out which of the many planters on campus they wanted to "adopt," filling them with a variety of blooming plants and greenery. Pictured at top, Gina Fry and Danielle Lodge, both from the Nontraditional Programs office, work with the pots in front of Tate Hall while student Nancy Richards, above, plants flowers on the Mt. Vernon Porch.

Wesleyan's athletic director named conference commissioner

Athletic Director Randy Magill's excellence has been recognized by his Great South Athletic Conference colleagues, who voted him commissioner of the conference in April 2003.

In his second year at the college, Magill has brought in new staff, who share his vision of excitement and intensity in creating a nurturing and challenging program for student athletes.

During his own coaching career as head and assistant basketball coach at the University of Alabama, the University of North Dakota and Ohio University, Magill helped run successful programs, provided academic counseling and shared insights with community groups.

Coach Magill has a master's in sports management from the U.S. Sports Academy, a master's in management from LaSalle University and a bachelor's in marketing from Ohio University.

New assistant director of athletics, coach joins Pioneer athletics

Ellen Lord has been named the assistant director of athletics and head soccer and tennis coach at Wesleyan College.

For the past three years, Lord has been the education reporter for *The Macon Telegraph*. During that time she has also served as an assistant soccer coach for the women's team at Mercer University.

Lord was a varsity soccer player at the University of Kentucky for two years after she transferred from Grove City College in western Pennsylvania where she played soccer, swam and played club lacrosse. She has been coaching youth teams, including regionally competitive club teams and Olympic Development Program state teams, for a decade. She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kentucky.

New volleyball coach announced

Bringing his own premier playing experience to the Wesleyan College athletics department, Coach James Pettis' first season with the Pioneers promises to be a strong one.

Coach Pettis, who was born in Macon and raised in Middle Georgia, competed in the East Coast's premier Bud Light 2-Man Beach Volleyball Tour after playing club volleyball at Valdosta State University. He helped lead Valdosta's men's team to a fourth place finish in the Southern States Club Volleyball League. He also assisted with practices for the women's team at the university.

Pettis has a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Valdosta State and will soon complete his master's in business administration from Georgia College and State University. He taught physical education in Warner Robins for two years before joining the Wesleyan staff in 2003.

Equestrian Team

The equestrian team finished as Reserve High Point Hunt Seat Team on Saturday, March 29, at the final regular show of the season held at Wesleyan.

Five team members competed over fences, four riders won their classes and the other placed sixth. The results are as follows: Megan Bullard was sixth in Open Flat and Fences; Ashley Russell was sixth in Open Flat and first in Open Fences; Jacquie Thompson won the Intermediate Fence Class and Katie Murphy was second in the Intermediate Flat Class. Jenna Miller won the Novice Fence Class; Melynda Chesnut placed sixth and Katharyn Hart placed fifth in the Walk-trot-canter Division; and Ashling Thurmond was third in Walk-trot.

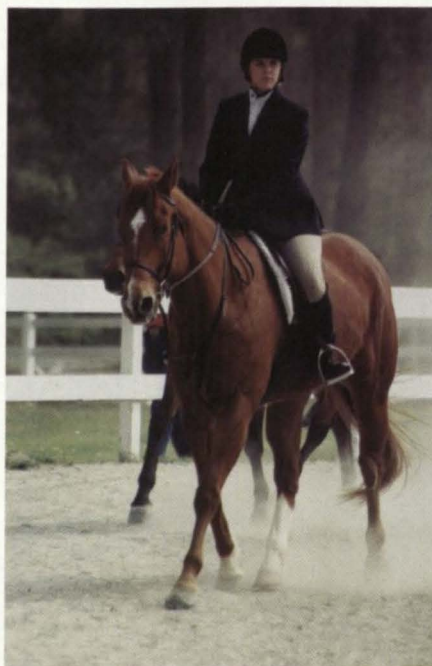
On Sunday, March 30, Wesleyan held Regional Finals and again was quite successful. Two of Wesleyan's hunt seat competitors qualified for Zones—Katie Murphy in Novice Flat and Courtenay Staples in Walk-trot-canter. Wesleyan had three Regional Champions in the Western Horsemanship—Katie Riggs in Beginner, Katie Murphy in Intermediate and Jackie Copenhaver in Open Reining. Melynda Chesnut was the Reserve Champion in Western Horsemanship. The western team was High Point Team in the region, also qualifying them for Zones. The western team included the following riders: Ashling Thurmond in Beginner, Jenna Miller in Intermediate, Katie Murphy in Advanced and Jackie Copenhaver in Open Reining.

The equestrian team also competed at the Intercollegiate National Championships May 3 and 4. The IHSA is comprised of 312 colleges and more than 7,000 riders. Five hundred riders qualified from 47 states. Riders and/or teams must place in the top two at Zones to qualify. Two Wesleyan riders competed. Katie Murphy qualified in Individual Intermediate Horsemanship and finished 11th. Jackie Copenhaver competed in the AQHA High Point Cup, which is the highest level of competition and includes both rail and reining phases. Copenhaver finished 12th overall and also placed seventh in the Individual Open Reining.

Fencing Club

The Wesleyan College Fencing Club earned three medals at the 11th Annual Georgia Intercollegiate Fencing Tournament at Georgia College and State University on Feb. 22 and 23. The club won a gold medal in women's team epee (Penny Kojak, Jennifer Kerr and Kellie Jaros), a gold medal in women's team sabre (Kojak, Kerr and Ashley Moore) and a bronze in women's team foil (Moore and Kerr). Last year, Wesleyan won silver in the foil and epee team events.

The club also participated in the 1st National Collegiate Fencing Club Championships at the University of Florida on April 5 and 6. The epee team (Kojak, Kerr and Jaros) finished in 6th place, while the foil team (Moore, Naomi Deal and Kate Havas) finished 14th. Kerr also finished 8th in the individual standings for women's epee.



Corporate Connection 2003 Charter Members

Wesleyan's new Corporate Connection program has been met with great enthusiasm in Middle Georgia. Wesleyan is proud to close the Connection's inaugural year with a diverse group of 30 Charter Members and is looking forward to the future growth of the program.

To learn more about Wesleyan's community supporters, log on to www.wesleyancollege.edu and click on "Corporate Connectors!"

Executive Connectors: \$5,000 & Above

Burgess Pigment
Cherokee Brick and Tile, Co.
Forsyth Street Orthopaedic Group
SunTrust Bank of Middle Georgia
The Macon Telegraph

Principal Connectors: \$3,000–\$4,900

Brown & Williamson Tobacco
Carroll Printing
GEICO
Security Bank

Supporting Connectors: \$1,000–\$2,999

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Colonial Bank
Cox Communications
1842 Inn
iMedia, Inc.
Jenkins & Roberts, LLC
L.E. Schwartz & Son, Inc.
McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks,
& Co., LLP
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Associate Connectors: \$500–\$999

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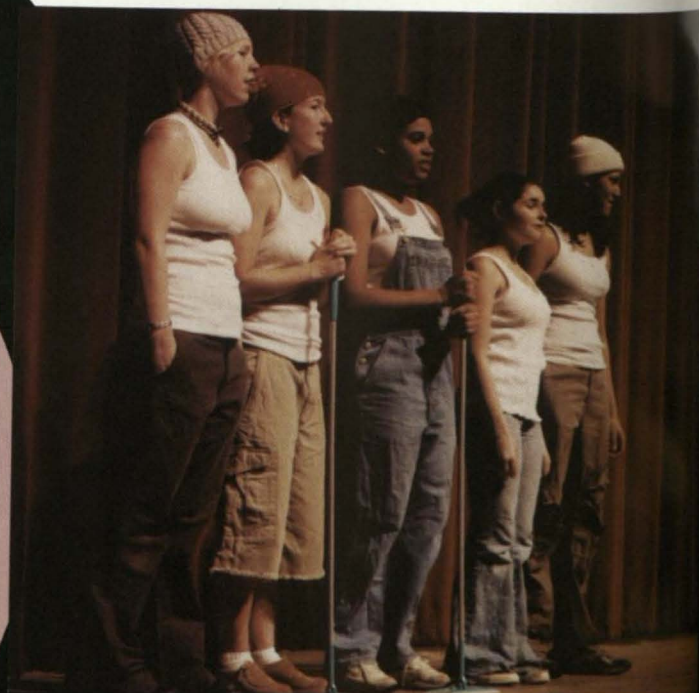
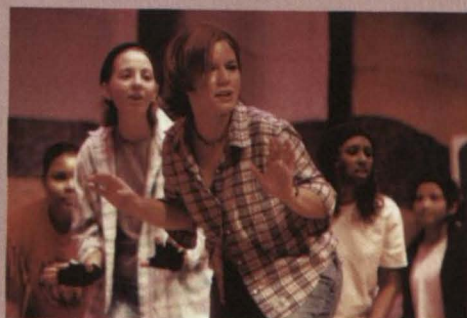
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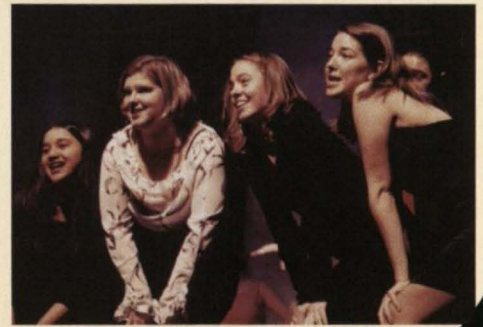


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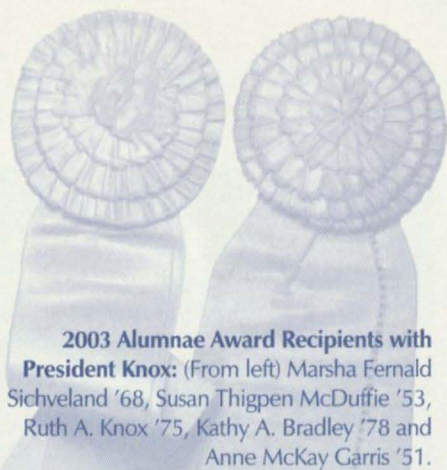
Golden Hearts



Green Knights



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2003 Alumnae Award Recipients with President Knox: (From left) Marsha Fernald Sichveland '68, Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53, Ruth A. Knox '75, Kathy A. Bradley '78 and Anne McKay Garriss '51.

Alumnae Awards 2003

Each year the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association honors outstanding alumnae at the annual meeting of the association held during Alumnae Weekend. Congratulations to the 2003 award recipients, Kathy A. Bradley '78, who received the award for Distinguished Service to Wesleyan, and Marsha Fernald Sichveland '68, Anne McKay Garriss '51 and Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53, who each received the award for Distinguished Service to the Community. The association also honors a rising Wesleyan junior who exemplifies outstanding leadership qualities. This year's recipient of the Alumnae Scholarship for Leadership was Marnai Boose '05.

Marnai Boose '05 Alumnae Scholarship for Leadership

Boose, a native of Ivey, Georgia, and a graduate of Wilkinson County High School, began her studies at Wesleyan by making the President's Scholars List her first semester and has continued to excel both academically and personally. She was a Pirate Spirit Representative for STUNT her first year and the Pirate Commission Representative for STUNT her sophomore year.

At Wesleyan she is a member of Circle K, the Council on Religious Concerns, volunteers for WOW! A Day For Macon! and is president of the Methodist Student Ministry. She is also a member of the Wesleyan Admission Volunteer Experience (WAVE), a group which actively recruits

future Wesleyannes. Off campus she is an active member of the Wesley Foundation at Mercer and Vineville United Methodist Church. Despite keeping such a busy schedule, she also counts memberships in the Wesleyan Honors Program, Splinters, Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Delta Epsilon and numerous other volunteering ventures among her many activities.

Kathy A. Bradley '78 Distinguished Service to Wesleyan College

Bradley has served Wesleyan as have few others. From the moment she arrived as a freshman she supported Wesleyan with her leadership, her gifts, her wisdom, and her heart. After graduation, she earned a juris doctor degree from the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University in 1981. She is now the assistant district attorney, Ogeechee Judicial Circuit in Statesboro, Georgia.

Throughout the years Bradley has raised funds, recruited students, inspired alumnae volunteers, employed graduates and promoted the college at every opportunity. It is true that she literally "lives and breathes Wesleyan."

She has been an officer in the East Georgia Alumnae Club, volunteered as a class liaison, reunion chair, and has written a newsletter to classmates for 25 years entitled *Purple to the Bone*. For 12 years she served on the Board of Managers, the governing body of the Alumnae Association, three of those years as president, 1991–1994.

As president, she served on the Steering Committee for the Alumnae Campaign for Endowed Teaching Chairs. During her term both the grounds of the old college and the Rivoli Campus were named historic sites by the United Methodist Church. A trustee of the college from 1997–2000, Bradley was also a charter member of the Society for the 21st Century. She has been the Baccalaureate Marker Speaker and Honors Banquet speaker. In 1999, she delivered the Fall Convocation address to the entire college community.

Ever an ambassador for the college, she includes Wesleyan in her bi-monthly column for the *Statesboro Herald*. Her community service has not gone unnoticed in her hometown in Bulloch County. She has received many community awards and honors. Because of her outstanding community service, she was named a Community Hero and carried the 1996 Olympic Torch, supplementing her official gear by wearing Wesleyan shoelaces so all would know her pride in her alma mater.

Anne McKay Garriss '51 Distinguished Service to the Community

As the wife of a Marine, Garriss has lived in many communities and has contributed to each one. Using her faith and commitment to family values as the foundation of her community service, Garriss is always on the alert for what will better the quality of life for all in her community. She has taught

conversational English to Chinese girls in Taiwan, helped female high school dropouts in North Carolina to participate in Job Corps and spearheaded a program that moved more than 100 people from welfare into jobs at Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base. Garris, an active volunteer, mother of two and grandmother of four, turned her love of parenting into a book—*Grandma was Right, 39 1/2 Slogans to Raise Children By*—published in 1995 and now in its second printing. The book is also available in two Chinese language translations.

After her husband Berle retired, the Garris family moved to Clearwater Beach, Florida, and bought the newspaper, *Beach Views*, that her parents had started. Through her work as the paper's editor and reporter she became a civic activist, attending city meetings beyond count, and working on the city's Environmental Advisory Board and Charter Review Committee. She has participated in every election campaign for the past 30 years and has served on a task force that provided an enhancement plan for a downtown public park. A board member of Ervin's All-American Youth Club, a group that works to keep kids off the street, Garris also serves as founding chairman of Clearwater Beach Kid's Week, now in its 11th season. For the past 25 years she has taught a weekly Bible class at the Chapel-By-The-Sea. Honored in Clearwater for her untiring efforts in civic involvement, Garris is a two-time recipient of the Service to Mankind Award.

Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53 Distinguished Service to the Community

McDuffie graduated *cum laude* with a bachelor of music degree in piano performance and a minor in organ. After additional music studies at Chicago's American Conservatory, she returned to Macon where she spent two years on Wesleyan's faculty before launching a private piano studio. In the years since, McDuffie has served as an organist at Riverside United Methodist, a music director/organist at First Presbyterian Church and is currently the organist/music director at Vineville Presbyterian.

Dubbed by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* as "Macon's granddame of classical music," McDuffie's private studio has been an overwhelming success for the

past 40 years, as her students continue to win state and local piano competitions. Two of her own four talented children have become musicians—Robert, a world-class violinist, and Margery, a concert pianist. She has taught piano at Wesleyan's MidSummer Macon since its inception in 1989 and virtually every local arts organization carries her imprint, especially the Macon Symphony Orchestra, where McDuffie has served as a board member for 20 years with two terms as president.

McDuffie's professionalism resonates in her music as well as in her volunteerism, and she remains in demand as a guest soloist. She has been the symphony's guest pianist, a Macon Civic Choral accompanist and a frequent collaborator with other artists. As part of Bob Lee Smith's jazz trio, she has taken the popular "Salute to Veterans" to several states, and has organized the Cherry Blossom Festival's "Young Performers Concerts." McDuffie is a past president of the Morning Music Club of Macon and the Macon Music Teachers Association, and she serves on the Vineville Methodist music committee and is active in numerous other organizations.

Because of her outstanding contributions to the Middle Georgia arts scene, she was awarded the Macon Arts Alliance Cultural Award in 1998.

Marsha Fernald Sichveland '68 Distinguished Service to the Community

Since graduating from Wesleyan, serving others has been a way of life for Sichveland. An education major, Sichveland taught school for four years after graduation, earning a Teacher of the Year award. She left teaching to raise her daughter and her adopted Korean son and was actively involved in all of their activities, even serving as an advisor to two schools on how to develop nature walks with pools, and writing the curriculum and storybook *All God's Children* for her church. While she and her husband Dan were raising their two small children, they decided to reach out to others in the international community. They "adopted" a Laotian family with three small children and served as sponsors of this family as they adjusted to life in the United States.

In 1989, Sichveland returned to school to study her passion, landscape design. She started a business, Southern Gardens and Lily Ponds, which soon employed an all-woman crew. Through her business she again reached out to others, especially women, helping them to escape welfare.

When she "retired" to Eatonton, Georgia, in 1996, Sichveland began restoring her antebellum home (featured on the cover of *A Guide to Georgia's Antebellum Trail*) and became active in her new community. In 1998, she began working on a five-year community project, the Madison Avenue Project. She designed and was the general contractor for The Plaza, a large park built on a neglected city lot in Eatonton. In 1999, she chaired the Planning Committee for the Plaza and raised \$86,000. The Plaza, dedicated in 2000, quickly became the hub of historic Eatonton. For her efforts Sichveland was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 2000. The City of Eatonton recognized her with an award for Faithful and Dedicated Service to the City and she received the Better Hometown Eatonton Award for Volunteer Excellence. Currently, Sichveland serves on the board of directors for the renovation of the Old Madison Avenue School, behind the Plaza, which will be converted into a community center.

Now is the time to nominate for Alumnae Awards

Now is the time to nominate women who are deserving of alumnae honors for the year 2004. Awards include **Distinguished Achievement in a Profession and Distinguished Service to the Community, to the Church, or to Wesleyan College.** The **Young Alumna Award** recognizes outstanding achievement of an alumna who is under forty years of age and who received her baccalaureate degree from Wesleyan College. Forms for each of the award categories are available from the Alumnae Office, Wesleyan College, 4760 Forsyth Road, Macon, GA 31210-4462, by calling (478) 757-5172, or online at www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae. The deadline for nominations is January 10, 2004. Awards are presented each year during Alumnae Weekend.

Scientific Minds

Turning Liberal Arts Educations into Science Careers

Mention the words "liberal arts," and many things come to mind—music, painting, sculpting and, perhaps, philosophy. What might not come to mind is the study of science. But Wesleyan College is changing this concept. Although long regarded as a leader in educating artists and musicians, Wesleyan also counts among its alumnae leaders in a vast spectrum of other fields, including science. Three of these women are Valerie Knopik, Ph.D., Dr. Kristine Kuchinski and Dr. Stephanie Russ-Barber.

Knopik '94, who is currently a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri, began her college education after deciding to attend a Wesleyan weekend visitation on a whim.

Although she had already been accepted at Notre Dame, Loyola (New Orleans) and Florida State universities, she was instantly hooked. "My dad and I stayed overnight," says Knopik, a native of Sarasota, Florida. "I loved it. I wanted to be independent but close enough to drive home. I also really liked Wesleyan's class system. You are automatically a part of something."

Kuchinski '87 feels the same way. Although a bit leery at first about attending a women's college, the Gainesville, Florida veterinarian made a 180 degree turn in her thinking. Instead of being a drawback, a women's college "allows you to concentrate on your study without the distraction of the opposite sex," says Kuchinski, now married. "You don't have to dress up for class and the atmosphere is more relaxing."

Kuchinski also says her education at Wesleyan "made professional school so much easier. The science programs at Wesleyan are very strong. I remember Pat Hardeman (Associate Dean of the College

and Registrar and biology professor) in particular as being an extremely great professor."

Russ-Barber '95, a pediatrician, grew up as one of four children on a farm in south Georgia. From her family and community, she says she learned to value what is right and to strive to be her best, which led her to pursue her education at Wesleyan.

"These virtues paid off as I was fortunate enough to be rewarded scholarship offers from Wesleyan. I would not have had the same opportunities in life had it not been for the institution's investment in me," says Russ-Barber, who received the IBM Technology Scholarship for Excellence in Chemistry. "In a great way, Wesleyan became my pathway to fulfill those dreams I had since I was a child."

According to Russ-Barber, Wesleyan provided her the opportunity she needed to receive a hands-on, active education.

"My advisors inquired about and understood my life objectives and goal of becoming a pediatrician. The faculty helped me by offering challenging courses and labs and issuing difficult—yet not impossible—assignments," says Russ-Barber, who practices medicine in her hometown of Douglas, Georgia. "They provided opportunities to increase my knowledge of subjects by offering specialized and individual attention. They helped propel my desire to learn and grow as a student."

Knopik also fondly recalls her Wesleyan professors, particularly Dr. Helen Hollis, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Phil Taylor, associate professor of economics.

"Dr. Hollis was my advisor and such a great role model for me. I found it very encouraging that she had a family and a successful career," Knopik says. "And he (Dr. Taylor) was like my surrogate father at Wesleyan. He even stood in for my dad when he couldn't

come for a father/daughter weekend. He and his family made me feel very much at home."

Not only was Knopik immediately impressed with the academics at Wesleyan—"I was very well prepared for graduate school"—she was impressed with all the other activities at Wesleyan and the support and caring she received from faculty as well as fellow students.

"Wesleyan definitely helped me become more assertive," she says. "I don't think I would have felt as secure or as eager to speak up and participate at graduate school if I had not attended Wesleyan."

Russ-Barber agrees and says she also credits Wesleyan's internship program with helping prepare her for her career.

"I took advantage of the opportunity to work at Oak Ridge National Laboratories and at the Mercer Medical School. These non-classroom learning experiences gave me 'real life' chances to take part in relevant research, while also providing team-oriented learning environments," Russ-Barber says. "Wesleyan knew the advantages this cutting-edge experience would generate for me."

And Russ-Barber says her most lasting friendships were established while she was at Wesleyan.

"As roommates and friends, we all experienced an important time of life together and we will remain close the rest of our lives," she says. "Although my closest friends and I now live in different parts of the country, are at various stages of family life, and are at different points in our careers, we still hold true to the fact that once you're a Pioneer, you're always a Pioneer. And for those of us blessed to be Golden Hearts, it is a special bond that keeps us together."



Alumna Trustee
Virginia "Ginger" Sumerford York '60
 Panama City, Florida
 Advanced Degree: MA, DA, Middle Tennessee State University. **Alumnae Activities:** 1996 Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession; Convocation Speaker; Chair, Loyalty Fund 2001–2002; Vice-Chair, Loyalty Fund

2000–2001. **Occupation:** Professor of Economics and History, Gulf Coast Community College. **Community Activities:** Chair, Bay Arts Alliance Board of Directors; Leadership Florida; Board of Directors, National Issues Forums–Washington, DC; Chair, First United Methodist Church of Panama City Board of Trustees; Associate, Kettering Foundation; Fellow, Citizen Leadership Institute–Gulf Coast Community College; Florida & Bay County Chambers of Commerce; Chairman of the Board, Very Special Arts–Panhandle District, Florida; Past President, Bay Arts Alliance.



Vice President for Development
Susan Woodward Walker '70
 Franklin, Tennessee
 Advanced Degree: MS, Old Dominion University. **Alumnae Activities:** WCAA Board of Managers, Alumnae Weekend Chair; Reunion Class Chair, 2000; Chair, Loyalty Fund 2002–2003; Vice-Chair, Loyalty Fund 2001–2002. **Occupation:**

Homemaker and Volunteer. **Community Activities:** Elder & Various Committees, Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church; Assistant Treasurer, Harpeth Hall School Parents Association; Chair, Harpeth Academy Trustees (1996–1997); National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; National Society, The Colonial Dames of America; Past President, Allied Arts Club; Scottish Society of Middle Tennessee; Clan Munro Association, USA.



Vice President for Educational Enrichment
Helen Anne Richards '80
 Decatur, Georgia
 Advanced Degree: MA, Journalism, University of Georgia. **Alumnae Activities:** Class Liaison, Annual Fund; Atlanta Alumnae Club; AAR; Phi Kappa Phi; Kappa Tau Alpha. **Occupation:** Communication

Manager, Southern Newspaper Publishers Association; Former Director, Georgia Scholastic Press Association; Former Director, Georgia Journalism Academy. **Community Activities:** Social Director, Oak Grove Methodist Choir; Coordinator, Lake Oconee Festival; Athens Area Chamber of Commerce; Green County Chamber of Commerce; Youth Group Director, Greensboro, Georgia; Youth Group Volunteer, Athens, Georgia.

Welcome to New Members of the Alumnae Board of Managers



Secretary
Betty Lo '95
 Atlanta, Georgia
Alumnae Activities: Class Reunion Committee; Class Liaison, Annual Fund; Atlanta Club Young Alumnae; AAR; Alpha Kappa Psi; Speaker, Information Socials for Wesleyan Admissions (Atlanta Area).
Occupation: Communications Manager,

Data and Industry Standards Company; The Coca-Cola Company. **Community Activities:** Coca-Cola Reaching Out; Chair, Coca-Cola APA Employer Forum; Atlanta Cultural Experience Volunteer; National Association of Asian American Professionals; National Association of Advertisers; Organization for Chinese Americans; Chopstix for Charity; 2001 Olympic Torchbearer.

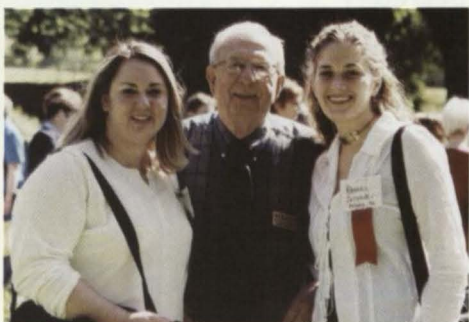


Member-At-Large for Alumnae Weekend
Virginia Ann Daniel Holman '75
 Columbus, Georgia
 Advanced Degree: MS, Psychology, Georgia State University. **Alumnae Activities:** Chair, Loyalty Fund 1998–1999; Vice-Chair, Loyalty Fund 1997–1998; Class Liaison; Columbus Alumnae Club Contact.

Occupation: Senior Director, Marketing, TSYS. **Community Activities:** Board Member and Sustaining Member, Junior League of Columbus; Board, Rotary Club of Columbus; Columbus Iron Works and Trade Center Authority Board; Board, Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Board of Managers welcomes all new board members. They join the following officers for the 2003–06 term, who were elected at the Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Association during Alumnae Weekend:

President, Debbie Stevenson Moses '89
 President Elect, Jody Bethea Riggs '88
 Vice President for Admissions, MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92
 Vice President for Publications and Public Relations, Ashley Garrett '90
 Treasurer, Leesa D. Akins '87
 Member-at-Large for Nominations, Susan Pyeatt Kimmey '71
 Member-at-Large for Student Relations, Patrenice Guthrie Thomas '96
 Alumnae Trustees, Gloria Boyette '60 and Loretta Pinkston '84
 Past President, Anne Scarborough Hughes '78



From the Alumnae President

Purple pansies, welcome banners, anniversary pins... green magnolias, reunion class ribbons, ferns on the stage... red balloons in the fountain, a brick from Old Wesleyan, Golden Belle Pirates... yellow candlelight, Golden Heart seniors, our first alumna President Ruth Knox. All of the colors of the rainbow that is Wesleyan were evident at Alumnae Weekend 2003. Not merely an opportunity to reminisce and remember, Alumnae Weekend allows us to celebrate the past, present and future of Wesleyan, from the

Golden Belles' luncheon on Friday to the candlelight induction ceremony for seniors at the Annual Meeting.

Remembering our time as students, we are better able to recognize what Wesleyan has given us. We recall the people and the experiences that shaped us, and we are grateful. We all rejoice that we now have one of our own, Ruth Austin Knox, serving as President of the College. As alumnae, we share not only common memories and experiences, but also a common commitment to the "oldest and best." As we celebrate the past and the present, we renew our determination to help other young women take part in the Wesleyan experience and help shape our future. And each year, as winter turns to spring, we look forward to coming home again... to Wesleyan.

—Anne Scarborough Hughes '78





Alumnae Weekend 2003





Alumnae Club News

Macon, Georgia

Macon Club officers met at the home of **Kari Goellner Johnston '91** in February to discuss plans for the 2003-04 agenda. Club members also served as hostesses and provided refreshments for the 2003 Reception after Commencement held on the lawn in front of Porter Auditorium in May.

North Georgia

Area alumnae met at the Sconti Restaurant in Big Canoe, Georgia, for a Spring Luncheon in April. Wesleyan guests Susan Allen, vice president for advancement, and Cathy Snow, alumnae director, updated the group with all the latest news from the college. Many thanks to our alumnae hostesses **Ann Aiken Burch '54**, **Jackie Herron Gilmer '76**, **Jane Flemister Batten '62** and **Charlotte Jolly Hale '62**, who coordinated plans for the event.



Springtime in the Mountains: (From left) Jackie Gilmer, Laura Lee Drew Sillay '52, Martha McDaniel Adkins '52, Ann Burch and Jane Batten at Big Canoe.

Savannah, Georgia

Savannah area alumnae enjoyed a Morning Coffee hosted by **Petal Gibbons Montis '66** at her home on Dutch Island. Petal's sister, **Katherine Gibbons Jost '70**, was also in town to help out with plans. Cathy Snow spoke to club members and shared news from the college. The group also elected new officers and discussed re-organizational efforts. **Anne Cordeiro '92** and **Elizabeth Mathis '96** are the new club co-leaders. **Pam Rogers Vawter '72** is secretary and **Bettye Withers Barnes '42** will serve as treasurer.



Savannah Smiles: Area alumnae meet for coffee and conversation on Dutch Island.



At home in Savannah: (From left) Hostess Petal Montis with Anne Cordeiro and Katherine Jost.

Mark your calendar for
Alumnae Weekend 2004
April 16, 17 & 18

2004 Reunion Classes

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| 1919 | 1949 | 1979 |
| 1924 | 1954 | 1984 |
| 1929 | 1959 | 1989 |
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| 1939 | 1969 | 1999 |
| 1944 | 1974 | 2003 |

Join your classmates for a special weekend at Wesleyan! Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals but all alumnae are invited back to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

For more information about an alumnae club in your area or forming a new group, contact Cathy Snow, director of alumnae affairs, at (478) 757-5172 or email csnow@wesleyancollege.edu.

Atlanta, Georgia

President Ruth Knox was the featured speaker for the Atlanta Club's Spring Luncheon held at Ansley Golf Club in March. Outgoing president **Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49** and incoming president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association **Debbie Stevenson Moses '89** also installed new club officers for the 2003-05 term at the meeting. Congratulations to new President **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71**; President Elect and Young Alumnae Chair **Missy Ryan '98**; Fundraising Chair **Katy Bryant '71**; Secretary **Andrea Morgan '01**; Treasurer **Ruth White Fruit '54** and Parliamentarian **Margaret Sewell '49**. We extend our thanks to outgoing officers for two years of dedicated service to the Atlanta Club and to Wesleyan: Margaret Sewell, president; Becky Lingerfelt, president elect; Missy Ryan, fundraising and young alumnae chair; **Andrea Fulton Kirby '69**, secretary and **Julie Castle '76**, parliamentarian. Other Wesleyan guests at the meeting included Director of Development **Pat Hammock Wall '70** and Director of Alumnae Affairs **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**. In May, club members served as docents for Wesleyan Week at the Atlanta Symphony Decorators Show House, chaired by **Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70**.



It's Official: New club officers (from left) Missy Ryan, Becky Lingerfelt, Ruth Fruit and Margaret Sewell at Ansley Golf Club.



Chatting in Atlanta: Trustees Stephanie Parker '81 and Betty Nunn Mori '58 "catch up" with Ruth Knox at the Atlanta Club Luncheon.



Atlanta Lunch Bunch: Club members enjoy the March Luncheon.



Wesleyan on the Road: Alumnae visit with the president. (Front row, from left) Virginia Barber Perkins '63, Martha Herring Stubbs '68 and President Ruth Knox. (Back row) Susan Allen and Ermine Owenby '61.



Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Chrystine Wilson Robnett '26 of Miami, Fla., on the death of her sister, **Lorraine Wilson Brown '28** of Miami Shores, Fla., on January 31, 2003.

Bess Duncan Crittenden '33 of Albany, Ga., on the death of her brother, Clarke W. "Sonny" Duncan, on January 29, 2003.

Alberta Trulock Brewer '38 of Knoxville, Tenn., on the death of her husband of 53 years, writer Carson Brewer, on January 15, 2003.

Ann Burkhalter Beilke '43 of Tucson, Ariz., on the death of her husband, Robert C. Beilke, in August 2002.

Stevens Dessau Ashmore '43 and **Georgann Dessau Blum '47** of Macon on the death of their brother-in-law, Jackson R. Holliday, on February 7, 2003.

Sue Lott Clark '46 of Waycross, Ga., on the death of her husband, Dr. Spurgeon William "Bill" Clark Jr., on March 5, 2003.

Jean Pim Kinsman '46 of Atlanta on the death of her sister, **Dorothy Anne Pim Roth '44** of Gainesville, Ga., on May 28, 2003.

Corky Dessau Holliday '48 of Macon on the death of her husband, Jackson R. Holliday, on February 7, 2003.

Elizabeth Elyea Ward '48 of Atlanta on the death of her husband, Dr. John Albin Ward, on April 26, 2003.

Katherine Evelyn Shepherd Wysong '48 of Savannah, Ga., and **Rebecca "Becky" Wysong Sessions '77** of Dry Branch, Ga., on the death of Katherine's husband and Rebecca's father, Rev. Samuel Wright Wysong III, on June 5, 2003.

Janet Kelly Collins '49 of Macon on the death of her husband, James O. Collins, on March 4, 2003.

Marianne Coleman Whiteway '49 of Decatur, Ga., on the death of her husband, Dr. Robert W. Whiteway, on May 28, 2003.

Joan Coart Johnson '51 of Atlanta on the death of her husband, Dr. Henry Johnson Jr., on April 29, 2002.

Elizabeth "Betty" Gaunt Bryan '54 of Homestead, Fla., on the death of her husband of 47 years, Herbert Harris "Champ" Bryan, on April 11, 2003.

Joyce Reddick Schafer '55 of Macon on the death of her husband, Lawrence "Larry" Schafer, on April 23, 2003.

Lloyd Young Flanders '56 of Darien, Ga., on the death of her son, Robert "Robby" Dyson Flanders of Brunswick, Ga., on May 5, 2003.

Sara Lee Lane Ogilvie '56 of Jacksonville, Fla., on the death of her mother, Evelyn Williams Lane, on April 1, 2003.

Meredith Young Rogers '60 of Statesboro, Ga., on the death of her nephew, Robert "Robby" Dyson Flanders of Brunswick, Ga., on May 5, 2003.

Rosemary Evans Walker '60 of Sea Island, Ga., and **Patricia Evans Missar '53** of Augusta, Ga., on the death of Rosemary's son and Patricia's nephew, Halstead Tindal "Andy" Anderson II, on May 22, 2003.

Ermine M. Owenby '61 of Tallahassee, Fla., on the death of her mother, Ermine DuPont Malone Owenby, on January 26, 2003, and her father, Colonel Carl Owenby, on April 20, 2001.

RoxAnna Arrington Sway '63 of Roswell, Ga., and **Elsie Andrews Johnson '38** of Lynn Haven, Fla., on the death of RoxAnna's mother and Elsie's sister, **Helene Andrews Arrington '45** of Jacksonville, Fla., on May 4, 2003.

Sally Hutchinson Vermillion '64 of Atlantic Beach, Fla., on the death of her mother, Barbara F. Hutchinson, on February 2, 2003.

Nancy Dyes '65 of Byron, Ga., on the death of her brother, Larry Dyes, on January 12, 2003.

Jane Ward Gault '70 of Manor, Texas, on the death of her husband, David Gault, on May 26, 2003.

Peggy Jones Cobb '74 of Amelia Island, Fla., on the death of her mother, **Margaret Moffett Jones '48** of Griffin, Ga., on May 3, 2003.

Lisa McKinney '74 of Winder, Ga., **Karen McKinney Renner '78** of Bon Aqua, Tenn., and **Michael McKinney '82** of Macon, on the death of their mother, Doris Marie Pegram McKinney, on October 29, 2002. Mrs. McKinney was the wife of George McKinney, professor *emeritus* of theatre.

Kathy Duncan Silverman '74 and **Susan Duncan Plunkett '76** on the death of their father, Clarke W. "Sonny" Duncan, on January 29, 2003.

Frances Smith Kite '76 of Macon on the death of her husband, Jesse Kite Jr., on October 28, 2002.

Jeri Ellis Goodman '78 of Cincinnati, Ohio, on the death of her brother, Steve Ellis of Macon, Ga., on February 4, 2003.

Cathy Bradach Rockoff '78 of Woodstock, Ga., on the death of her father, Daniel D. Bradach Sr., on December 13, 2002.

Lynne Anthoine Hueglin '79 of Roanoke, Vir., on the death of her mother, Marjorie B. Anthoine of Ft. Valley, Ga., on December 6, 2002.

Allison McFarland Wilcox '80 of Midland, Mich., on the death of her brother, Adam McFarland of Warner Robins, Ga., on March 11, 2003.

Lisa Story Neilson '83 of Island Lake, Ill., on the death of her mother, Shirley Hart Story, in January 2003.

Donna Waites Terrill '87 of Macon on the death of her mother, Ruby Waites, on April 7, 2003.

In Memoriam

Mary Louise Boehm Kooper

Mary Louise Boehm Kooper, pianist, painter and graphic artist died suddenly of a stroke on November 29, 2002, in Majorca, Spain. Mrs. Boehm was, along with her husband Kees Kooper, artist-in-residence at Wesleyan from 1957-59. While at Wesleyan, she helped to start the Gamma Lambda Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, an International Professional Fraternity for Women in Music. Mrs. Boehm made a major contribution to the world of music by finding and recording neglected masterpieces from the piano literature. During her career she taught at four universities and in the 1960's she was Head of Classical Records at 20th Century Fox. Twice she toured abroad for the State Department and in later years appeared with her husband as the Boehm-Kooper Duo.

In Memoriam

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| 1927 | Clarissa Maddux Henson Ruth Ricketson Whipple | 1938 | Martha Comolli Martin | 1949 | Alice Nunn |
| 1928 | Lorraine Wilson Brown Sara Crittenden Huie | 1939 | Muriel Smith Farmer | 1950 | Elinor Floyd Van Dyke |
| 1929 | Lillian Shearouse Anderson Martha Lamar Morrison | 1940 | Evelyn Gertrude Dame Bell Merle Dorman Sauve | 1952 | Alice Leonene Park Meagher Virginia Moore Stannard |
| 1930 | Irma Bell Jackson | 1944 | Joanne Tyus Mallory Dorothy Anne Pim Roth Elinor Rees Veatch | 1956 | Fay Brandies Brown Lillian Richter Mather |
| 1932 | Emaly Lewis Culpepper Edith Enochs Jones Sara Hammock Middlebrooks | 1945 | Helene Andrews Arrington | 1958 | Elizabeth "Beth" Hodgins |
| 1934 | Brevard Nisbet Stewart | 1947 | Grace "Gracie" Thompson Crawford Jane Marshall | 1969 | Gail Corcoran Freundt |
| 1935 | Mary Louise Dozier | 1948 | Margaret Moffett Jones Mary Alice Means Linton Frances Scarratt McDaniel Marianne Sutton Williams | 1974 | Connie Napier Coats |
| | | | | 1982 | Mary Hayden Demarest |

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Page Walker Jones '78 of Conyers, Ga., who married Tony Payne in September 2002.

Wendy Lee Newingham '90 of Macon, who married Todd Edward Stanley also of Macon on May 24, 2003. As a bridesmaid in the wedding was **Ms. J. Amanda Blakey '88**—coming all the way from England! The reception was held in the Oval Hall of the Candler Alumnae Center at Wesleyan.

Lori Reese '90 of Greenville, S.C., who married Macon Patton on May 3, 2003. **Jeanie Sanders Gilmer '89** and **Linda Sanders O'Brien '89**, both of Greenville, S.C., were bridesmaids. The couple will reside in Charlotte, N.C.

Beth Milstead '96 of Macon, who married Andy Wilson on May 17, 2003. **Tammy Lea Siddell '94** and **Amy Benson '96**, both of Atlanta, Ga., were bridesmaids. The couple resides in Macon.

Sherry V. Neal '96 of Atlanta, Ga., who married Dan Wright on May 17, 2003.

Heather Allison Beene '01 of Macon, who married Philip Booker, also of Macon, on September 28, 2002, in Chattanooga, Tenn. **Jennifer Cameron '00** and **Mary Mitchell '97** were bridesmaids. Sister **Megan Beene '02** was the maid of honor.

Kathryn Marshall '02 of Macon, who married Jon Wilcher. Rev. Bill Hurdle performed the ceremony and sister **Sarah Marshall Nester '99** was the matron of honor. Wesleyan classmates **Bria Andrew '02**, **Christy Johnson '02**, and **Mia Landis '03** sang at the wedding. The couple will reside in Macon.

Brandy Leigh Morris '01 of Athens, Ga., who married Aaron Kirkwood on May 17, 2003.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Merri Hart White '86 and Kerry of Chapel Hill, N.C., on the birth of a daughter, Lydia Hart White, on February 15, 2003.

Kelli Goolsby Morrow '89 and Christopher of Bessemer, Ala., on the birth of a daughter, Regan Kendall Morrow, on January 26, 2003. Regan joins big brother Zach, age 5.

Monni Asbell Parrish '89 and Charlie of Macon, on the addition of Andrey (4) and Nicole (2) to their family. They came home from Russia on April 15, 2003.

Eden Dowman Gullede '91, husband Slade and big brother Colson of Smyrna, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Siri Elaine, on September 30, 2002.

Michelle Rahn Evans '92 and Matthew of Rincon, Ga., on their recent births: Merritt Ellison on December 25, 2001 and Macen David on October 27, 2002. Big sisters Madison and Megan are delighted!

Diane Mayhue Johnson '92 and Rodney of Covington, Ga., on the birth of twin sons, Aaron Michael and Casey Daniel, on March 25, 2003.

MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92 and Richard of Signal Mountain, Tenn., on the birth of a son, Charles Becking "Beck" Lewis, on February 28, 2003.

Sarah Marshall Nester '99 and Richard of Lawrenceville, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Tara Caitlyn, on April 5, 2003.

Jennifur Rosado Tanner '99 and Kevin of Warner Robins, Ga., on the birth of a son, Peyton Tanner, on May 3, 2003.



1900s

Soong May-ling, Madame Chiang-Kai-shek '16, celebrated her 105 birthday this year. Taiwan's President Chen Shui-bian presented a sceptre shaped porcelain piece as a birthday gift to Soong May-ling through Taiwan's de facto ambassador in the United States. Madame Chiang has lived in New York since 1991.

1920s

Mildred Paul Hyatt '27 writes that she is now living at Pinegate, a retirement facility in Macon. In good health, she exercises daily and leads a walking group each week. Mildred remembers Ernestine Grotte, physical director during her student days at Wesleyan on College Street, stressing the importance of daily exercise.

The March issue of the *Thomaston Times* had an article on West Village Retirement Community resident **Frances Horner Middlebrooks '27**, highlighting her student days at Wesleyan, where she was voted "Most Popular" and was president of the student body. The article traced her professional career from a teacher in Cuthbert, Georgia, to a high school librarian in Thomaston. Frances' dedication to her work and her volunteerism in the many communities in which she has lived, especially her work with AARP, her church, DAR and the Upson County Historical Society were recognized. Daughter **Jean Middlebrooks Morris '57** carries on the tradition.



1928 (75th Reunion) Annie Mays Larmore '28 of Atlanta was the "Belle" of the Golden Belles Luncheon when she celebrated her 75th reunion during Alumnae Weekend. She is proud of the fact that she has contributed to the Loyalty Fund every year since her graduation and is equally proud of Wesleyan's expanded programs.

1930s

The family of **Mary Roba Jackson Wynn '31** of Winter Haven, Florida, has grown. Sophia, her twelfth great-grandchild was born to Erle and Andriana Wynn. "All grand- and great-grandchildren are gifted in academics and fine arts," writes Mary Roba.

"My friends, just a note—Ed and I have had 70+ years of a wonderful marriage. We enjoy golf together and we praise our Lord for all those years. Every day now is a beautiful gift. My love and best to the Class of '32 and to each of you," writes **Mabel Harris Crawford '32** from Dothan, Alabama.

Dorothy Tinsley Dailey '35 of Austin, Texas, is one of the most successful fundraisers for the annual March CROP Walk, a national inter-faith effort that benefits the hungry in the United States and around the world. She has raised more money than some churches and organizations! For 25 years since the Austin CROP Walk began, Dorothy has made the walk. Her years as a missionary with her husband in Cuba and the Dominican Republic fueled a lasting desire to continue to help those in need. She has decided that her 90th year will mark her last walk.

Margaret Munroe Thrower '35 of Atlanta writes that classmate **Louise Caldwell Arnall** lives in Luthersville. Louise's granddaughter and family are active members at Northside Methodist, the church Margaret attends. Margaret also sees **Mary Rudisill Trippe '33** in the Northside Fellowship Class, where Margaret's husband, Randolph, teaches the first Sunday of each month.

Lou Wilkins Orr '36 and **Carolyn Bacon Beard '33** are neighbors in Columbus, Mississippi. Carolyn lives in Trinity Health Care across the street from Lou. Lou writes that Carolyn cannot see now, but she shared her 1933 *Vetteropt* with Carolyn when Lou first arrived four years ago.

1938 (65th Reunion)

Purple is still the favorite color of the Class of 1938, who brought friends and family with them for their 65th reunion. The group especially enjoyed the Golden Belles Luncheon, where they served up a table full of memories.

Harriette Friedman Krugman '38 of Atlanta spent the winter in Sarasota, Florida. She has seven grandchildren. One daughter lives in Paris and is a college counselor with the American School.

Dorothy DuPuis Mackin '38 lives in a beautiful retirement village in Silver Spring, Maryland. To her surprise, one of her 1938 classmates, **Ruth Ingle Warren**, is also there.

Dot has returned to Wesleyan for her 50th and 60th reunions but Ruth has not. They had not seen each other in 64 years. You can imagine the "catching up" they've enjoyed.

Margaret Johnston White '38 of Anniston, Alabama, had surgery on her spine in January. She is still on a walker, but making progress; she had hoped to make her 65th reunion.

In June, **Maryann Smith Harris '39** of Dublin, Georgia, visited her sister, **Dottie Smith Mahon '44**, who lives in Louisville, Kentucky. They were both excited about Dottie becoming a great grandmother!

1940s

Ruth Hall Knox '40 of Thomson, Georgia, writes, "What a joy it has been to hear from so many of my Wesleyan friends and classmates since Ruthie was elected president of the College! Friendships formed at Wesleyan truly last a lifetime!"

Congratulations to **Dr. Ida Long Rogers '41** of Nashville, Tennessee, who received the 2002 Francis Asbury Award for fostering United Methodist ministries in higher education. As a professor of higher education administration at Peabody College (now of Vanderbilt University) she nurtured a large number of students, who are now presidents of UM colleges and universities. She has consulted with UM universities across the country, in Brazil, Korea and Africa. She has been a staunch supporter of Africa University, particularly its library, and has assisted many students in obtaining scholarships.

Louie Woodward Marshall '42 of Oxford, Georgia, enjoyed hearing President Knox at the Atlanta Club meeting held at Ansley Golf Club. "I believe our beloved college is in good hands. She will be in my prayers."

1943 (60th Reunion)

Golden Hearts of '43 displayed their spirit as they celebrated a wonderful reunion with special GH T-shirts and their traditional "Pajama Party" held this year at Fairfield Inn. Activities included lots of time to "catch up." Many thanks to reunion chair Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley and committee member, Sarah Ann White, for planning a memorable weekend.

Maconite **Stevens Dessau Ashmore '43** has a new great-granddaughter; a girl, Harmony Dessau Nagle.

Even though we are octogenarians, we felt the "pull" to return to Wesleyan and celebrate reunion. Our class boasts the "adoption" of **Cathy Snow '71** to our class in 1993, on the occasion of our 50th reunion. This year we "adopted" **Ruth Knox '75** on the occasion of her first year as president. We feel a special

bond with Ruth because her aunt, **Mary Hall**, was our classmate. Also, **Salina Metts Harkleroad '71**, daughter of our late **Jane Shearouse Metts '43**, joined us at the Golden Belles Luncheon, writes **Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley '43** from Gainesville, Georgia.

Members of the Class of '44 will miss **Dorothy Anne Pim Roth**, who died in May. "Pim" and husband Clint of Gainesville, Georgia, had celebrated their 60th anniversary on January 17. Many of her classmates came to their wedding in Griffin via train. Dorothy Anne enjoyed life and was an inspiration to all those who have battled cancer. She believed that the Leap of Faith Campaign could do miracles for Wesleyan. Friends remember her loyalty to her Alma Mater and recall her words, "I want to live longer to help raise more money for Wesleyan." (See *In Memoriam*.)

In Atlanta, **Lila Longley '45** stays busy handling rental properties for friends and taking care of her 98 year-old mother, who is still active and plays duplicate bridge!

Rebekah Yates Anders '46 of Riverdale, Georgia, reports that "granddaughter Jennifer Jones is planning a May wedding in Knoxville, Tennessee. All 20 of our grandchildren (age 22 and down) will be involved. Husband Pat and I enjoyed spending the day with **Lou (Matteson)** and Harry Jones at their home, Hawkstree Farm, in Rockmart, Georgia. The pretty table was set with purple napkins. A lovely drawing of the Loggia was on the wall."

"Through church and business, my son and his wife have become friends of the children of the late **Ernestine Lane Carmichael '48**, my 'little sister' at Wesleyan," writes **Thelma "Ted" Dillard Ethridge '46** of Elberton, Georgia. "It's nice to have college friendships perpetuated." In a recent letter, one of Thelma's former roommates, **Mary Euyang Shen '46**, updated Thelma on her family. Mary and her husband, C.J., still reside in New York City. He has serious health problems, but is improving. On her Christmas card, **Virginia Ball Loveless '46** shared news of the marriage of her brother and the sister of her husband. To her delight, they chose to reside in Columbia, South Carolina, where Virginia and her husband, Lawrence, live.

Lou Matteson Jones '46 of Rockmart, Georgia, is proud of her granddaughter **Dora Ward '94**, MPH Emory '96, who served with CARE in Mozambique and Angola in the Public Health Campaign to Eliminate Polio. She also served in Venezuela for two years and set up "Well Baby" clinics in all 17 states for the Red Cross. Dora is now in South Africa for two years with the Salvation Army working with AIDS orphaned and HIV positive children.

Mary McLendon McManus '46 has lived full time at her house on Lake Rabun in Lakemont, Georgia, since 1986.

Jacqueline "Jackie" Lamm Souder '46 of Evans, Georgia, writes that she is enjoying being an old lady.

The fourth great-grandchild of **Helen Proctor Morris Watson '46** of Statesboro, Georgia, is named Margaret Finley Mathison. She now has two boys and two girls that are great-grandchildren. In April, Helen received the Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind Award, a lifetime achievement award given to those who share time, energy and talents as a way of life. Helen serves her community in many ways and is active in the Statesboro Service League, DAR, Georgia Southern Symphony Guild, "A Day for Southern," and supports Georgia Southern athletics and the Georgia Southern Botanical Garden, as well as volunteering in her church.

Margaret Smith Mines '47 of Cartersville, Georgia, taught her very popular watercolor workshop for the Calhoun Gordon Arts Council from January through March.

Mary Wofford Morris '47 also lives in Cartersville and is proud of her three precious great-grandsons. One is two-years-old, one is 18 months, and one is 2 months.

Recovering from a stroke last November, **Mary Spencer Uhl '47** moved to the Atlanta area (Decatur) to be near her three daughters. "Come by to visit us."

1948 (55th Reunion)

*The Class of 1948 enjoyed a memorable 55th reunion thanks to the planning of reunion chair **Mary McCowen Parkerson** and college*

*committee members **Jane Mobley Dickey**, **Annie Anderson Jones**, **Elizabeth "Liz" Hean Stone** and Conservatory members **Christine Nicholas** and **Anne Whipple Murphey**. With the Marriott Courtyard as home base, classmates enjoyed a Friday night party at the hotel hosted by Charles and Liz Stone. On Saturday night, Annie Jones and Jane Dickey hosted a party at Jane's home, where classmates experienced a nostalgic trip back in Wesleyan time.*

Margie Burton Dixon '48 hated to miss her 55th reunion but needed to stay home for a scheduled eye corneal transplant. Not a fun experience but she looks forward to having good results. She sends love to all of her classmates.

In late February Maconite **Corky Dessau Holliday '48** drove to Charlotte and visited **Bootsie McWilliams Goforth '48**. They attended the opera of *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns, who lived in Macon circa 1938-1942 and was the sister-in-law of **Rosalind Allison Burns '47** of Atlanta.

"Still traveling to art shows, music festivals - to Europe and Africa this year. Enjoying the fun of it all!" writes **Liz Hean Stone '48**. With six grandchildren, she still finds time to serve as president of the local library and on the county board. Both she and Charles stay involved with the Historical Society as well. Oldest son Charles Stone II designed lights for the WTC Memorial. Daughter **Lisa ('82)** and son David are lawyers in North Carolina.

After 30 years of moving about the country, **Katherine Shepherd Wysong '48** and her husband, Samuel, an Episcopal priest, have enjoyed living back "home" in Savannah. Sadly, Samuel died in June. (See *Sympathy*.)



1938 Elizabeth "Lib" Brogden Tart, Mary Virginia Peters Carter, Martha Beaty Ray, Joe Estes Sherrill.



Mimi Roads Griffith '49 of Newnan, Georgia, had a wonderful trip to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco last fall followed by a "Christmas trip" to New York City, where they got caught in the big snow, but had fun anyway!

It's taken a while for **Nadine Cranmer Read '49** of Marietta, Georgia, to get used to a quiet house again. Her daughter and her six children moved just after school started last fall. Nearly all of her sixteen grandchildren are athletic; so she stays busy attending baseball, soccer and basketball games. Nadine plans to retire from Office Max in August.

In Atlanta, **Julia Weathers Wynne '49** enjoys living in the home she grew up in near Emory University, since her son and his family moved out of it and into a larger place. "The level lot is great after living on a high hill for thirty years. Come visit!"

1950s

2002 was a special year for **JoAnn Russell Campbell '50** and husband Norton of Lilburn, Georgia. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last June. They also were blessed with their ninth grandchild, Robert Paul Campbell, born on June 12. The Campbells cruised up the New England coast and down the St. Lawrence to Montreal last fall.

Sara Johnston Fowke '50 of Alexandria, Virginia, and her roommate, **Lois Reynolds McSorley** of Plymouth, Massachusetts, have

found each other again! They lost contact for many years. Both enjoy remembering their times together.

Carleen Gaulden Gardner '50 has come out of retirement and again serves as organist and choirmaster at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Savannah. Carleen often visits her two grandsons (6 and 3) and her daughter, Katherine Gardner Martz, in Park City, Utah.

"Jim and I are blessed as grandparents with twins, Clare Marie and James Richard, born in November 2002. Proud parents are our daughter, Laurel, and her husband, Bob Grammig, who live here in Tampa," writes **Laurel Norden Lenfestey '50**.

Carolyn Eidson McCollum '50 and her husband live in Thomasville, Georgia. They sold the house they built 40 years ago and moved to a townhouse four months ago. Carolyn loves the new place, but is still tired from the move.

Dana Bedgood MacMillan '50 and husband Ken recently returned to Macon to live in Wesleyan Woods, where the Jones girls were born and reared. The grandchildren love the memories the move has renewed. Extensive remodeling has ceased temporarily, while Dana recovers from heart surgery. "Golden Years Interrupted!"

Nancy Wyatt Ezzard '51 and her husband moved from Ohio to a retirement community in the foothills of Columbus, North Carolina.

Dollie Durrett Daniels '51 of Athens, Georgia, retired from Emory University School of Public Health in 2002 after 25 years. She was awarded an MPA degree in 1991.

Mary R. Lewis '51 of Houston, Texas, sings in the Christ Church Cathedral Choir and will spend two weeks in July in England, where the choir will sing in the Clare College Chapel at Cambridge University and sing Evensong for a week at Norwich Cathedral. The tour ends in London, where the choir will sing Evensong twice at Westminster Abbey. Mary left a week early to visit friends in Kent and will stay an extra week to join a French friend in Prague.

The new book by **Elinor Smith Miller '51** of Port Orange, Florida, has just been published by Associated University Presses: *Prisms and Rainbows: Michel Butor's Collaborations with Jacques Monory, Jiri Kolar, & Pierre Alechinsky*.

Still enjoying retirement, **Catharine E. Neylans '51** of Laurinburg, North Carolina, does not miss grading papers and committee meetings. She also loves having time to read and catch up on things she missed over the years.

Winifred Clements Begin '52 and husband Paul of Marietta, Georgia, have just completed their new vacation home on the Gulf of Mexico at Horseshoe Beach, Florida. The new home replaced the one destroyed by the "Storm of the Century" 10 years ago.

"It was wonderful to see the reunion class of '53 with whom I shared my final year at Wesleyan after graduating in 1952. I am proud of our new President Ruth Knox and excited about Wesleyan's future," writes **Irma Rigby Collins '52** from Tucker, Georgia.

"**Artie Dennis Thevaos '52** (piano) and I (violin) enjoyed playing together (after 50 years) on a concert tour of Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Texas in the spring of 2003. In March, we played in Macon at Little Carnegie of the South and it was so good to see **Louise Barfield**, the owner and director. Had a great visit at our Florida concert with my roommate of four years **Marilyn Greene Schneider '52** and enjoyed our stay in Beaumont, Texas, with **Mary Gene Baldwin Woodland '51**. And, of course, being with **Bill Toole '49** and **Eugenia Toole Glover '48** in Augusta—we had some great times. Wesleyan is beautiful. It is always a pleasure to return to campus!" writes **Claire Michaels Murray '52** of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

1953 (50th Reunion)

A record number of classmates, family members and friends returned to campus to help the newest Golden Belles celebrate 50 years of Wesleyan sisterhood. Our thanks to reunion chairs **Alice Ann Hamilton** (College) and **Olive Long Kellum**



1943 Row 1: Julia Pate Baldau, Mary "Bunny" Timmerman Geeslin-Warfel, Ann Burkhalter Beilke. Row 2: Sarah Ann White, Margaret Sullivan Arnett, Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley. Row 3: Mattie Lee Mullis Baxley, Elizabeth Stillwell Barron.

(Conservatory) along with committee members, **Ann Harrell Saunders, Jean Nixon Gaby and Mary Joe Cawley McGee**, who set the stage for a weekend of fun-filled memories. The La Quinta Inn was the place to be for class parties on both Friday and Saturday nights. Conservatory classmates also hosted a special breakfast, "Remembering Our Journey," chaired by Olive Kellum. **Olive, Amelia Adams Wilson, Susan Thigpen McDuffie, Claire Houser-Dodd and Margaret Smith Peet** presented the breakfast program. Classmates cheered for 2003 alumnae award recipient Susan McDuffie and marched with pride behind Alumnae Parade Grand Marshals **Thaddeus Grimes and Claire Houser-Dodd** and Class of '53 flag bearer, **Alice Ann Hamilton**, who also conducted Morning Watch to end the weekend on Sunday.

More **Wesleyan Firsts** to report for **Alice Ann Hamilton '53** of Decatur, Georgia, who was the first woman assistant superintendent in the DeKalb County School System (Decatur, GA). She was named Assistant Superintendent of Personnel. Alice Ann was also selected the Ecotrin Exercise Modification Heart Patient of the Year in 1996.

"The college is beautiful, the Wesleyannes beautiful and the reunion was wonderful. Nobody does it like Wesleyan!" writes Conservatory alumna **Claire Houser-Dodd '53** of Fort Valley, Georgia, who also has a **Wesleyan First**. She was the first to start a student literacy corp at FVSU (The Teenage Mutant Ninja Tutors) and introduced the program into 12 counties—from Spalding county to Pulaski and Crisp counties.

Marietta, Georgia resident **Merrilyn Welch Eastham '53** reports that husband Dana is doing well after triple by-pass surgery in February. They celebrated an early 50th anniversary by taking a southern Caribbean cruise with children and "grands."

"Our 50th reunion was a real treat—really makes me sad that I have missed so many," writes **Joanne Stiefel Eubanks '53**. Joanne stays busy with state UMW and local church activities in Aiken, South Carolina.

Olive Long Kellum '53 of Alpharetta, Georgia, will retire from the United Methodist Ministry in July 2003. She has served for the last 18 years in full time ministry—the last 14 years at Cumming First United Methodist Church, as minister of music and worship.

Pat Hammond Klefeker '53 of Saluda, North Carolina, moved to her new log home in April and was unable to attend reunion. She sends love to all her classmates.

January marked the start of another world cruise for **Ann Harrell Saunders '53** of Augusta, Georgia. She returned home on April 23rd, just in time for her 50th reunion!

Independent artist **Jane Shriver Sharp '53** has lived in California (in Palos Verdes Estates, to be exact) for 30 years and planned to attend reunion in April.

Grace Maxwell Sparrow '53 and husband Red of Macon will be great grandparents in September.

"Our 50th reunion was wonderful! From the Golden Belles Luncheon to the Morning Watch on Sunday everything was delightful and so well planned. To my classmates I want you to know that the Swimming Trophy is in the library. The other trophies are being 'rounded up' and will be housed in the library, too," reports **Frances Bruce Van Horn '53**.

Kathryn Parsons Willis '53 enjoyed reunion. She still lives in Duluth and works full time at her stores in Cumming and Alpharetta. Her four children and six grandchildren all live in the area. Three of her children and two of their spouses are in business with Kathryn, who is very involved in church and community work.

"My years at Wesleyan have been a strong positive impulse for my life's direction since 1954! Thank you!" writes **Bonnie Gardner Barnes '54** of Waynesville, North Carolina. She has enjoyed contacts with **Lucy Neeley Adams '56** and **Phyllis Clough Davis '55** at Lake Junaluska. "I also enjoy reading the alumnae news—very well done."

Harriett Willis Bevil '54 of Yantis, Texas, now has eight grandsons and expected another one in June—completing her baseball team.

The good news is that in May her youngest daughter gave Harriett her first granddaughter! Harriett looks forward to reunion in 2004.

From Tifton, Georgia, **Sydney Willis Blackmarr '54** announces "Youngest daughter Kelly gave me my first grandchild on Sept. 18, 2002, Lillian Rose Blackmarr-Soucy. Oldest daughter **Amy '78** (now a Ph.D.) will have her third book, *Above the Fall Line*, published this fall. I continue to be professionally active as a private consultant, and serve in wonderful volunteer organizations."

"Finally! My book, *Where Were You When The Parsonage Fell Down?*, has been published," exclaims **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54** of Savannah. Wesleyannes **Harriett Mayo '71** and classmates **Syd Willis Blackmarr, Sylvia Crum Evans, Ruth Forehand Miller, Bootsie Kent Cottongim, and Betty Bate McCrary** attended a book signing in Tifton. **Jean Malone Seegmueller '54** was present at a signing in Albany.

In April, Virginia residents **Betty Moss Swygert '54** and her husband took a Mediterranean cruise. In October, they went to Korea on a trip to honor veterans of the Korean War. They visited the most northern post of the Korean army, as well as other cities and spent three days in Beijing, China.

Special guest **Neva Langley Fickling '55** joined pianist Edward Eikner (Catherine L. Comer Professor of Fine Arts at Wesleyan) for the Macon Concert Association's 2003 April event. The audience enjoyed the two perform "Flamboyant Music of Spain" held



1948 Row 1: Peggy Porter Harrison, Elizabeth Matthews Parker, Jane Mobley Dickey, Anne Ragan Morrison. Row 2: Betty Jo "B.J." Hammock Boyes, Jean Cowart Fleming, Kathleen Thomasson Malone, Annie Anderson Jones, Cordelia "Corky" Dessau Holliday. Row 3: Mary McCowen Parkerson, Rose Crockett McRae, Liz Hean Stone, Rosaline Gilmore Burt. Not pictured: Anice Willcox McArthur, Rhett Jenkins Smith, Marie Wilson Turner.



in Porter Auditorium, complete with pre-concert "tapas" on the porch.

Another Wesleyan author! **Jo Ann Copeland Chapple '56** of Penrose, North Carolina, recently published a children's book (fiction based on history geared for 4th graders) about a November 1864 incident at the Governor's Mansion in Milledgeville, Georgia, entitled *They Shoot Spies Don't They?*

Georgia Walton Bradford '57 has relocated to Dallas, Texas, but returns to Fort Valley, Georgia, often.

Carla DuBose Kalec '57 of Odessa, Florida, looks forward to traveling out west this summer and also to Massachusetts and Maine, where she hopes to photograph puffins.

1957 roomies **Betty Brabston Ballard** and **Peggy Miller Nelson** spent time visiting at Peggy's home in Dublin, Georgia, in March. Betty was "recovering" from her daughter and family moving to Malaysia for three years! During her stay, they went back and forth to Warner Robins visiting with **Florida Judge Harrell** and her husband, Albert. The party grew when **Emily Hodges Young, Dot McComack Adler** and **Faye Rowe Somers** joined the group for a few days. Then Washboard Band Queen **Jimmie Copeland North Collison** and her husband, Bill, came

over for the day. The group took a quick trip to Wesleyan before departing. Peggy had great fun sharing news of her latest grandson, Cullen Davis Nelson, with her classmates; that brings her score of grandchildren to six!

Marinez Meeks Rideout '57 and her husband have been touring Arizona and Florida looking for a suitable place to retire.

1958 (45th Reunion)

Our thanks to Eleanor Adams Lane, Nina Sheppard Terrell, Emily Hardman Dickey and committee member Lynn Shouse Howard for coordinating plans for a wonderful 45th. Classmates responded to their reunion appeals by returning to campus with great Purple Knight spirit. Emily hosted a Friday night party and Saturday afternoon talkfest at her home, while Eleanor invited PKs to a Saturday evening get-together at her home.

Nancy Doss Holcombe '58 of St. George, Utah, visited with **Frances Quarles Hinely '58** of Greensboro, Georgia, in September 2002 at nearby Zion National Park, when Frances was on a tour of Western National Parks.

Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58 of Round Rock, Texas, says that moving in August wasn't easy after 28 years in west Texas. The plus is seeing her children and grandchildren more often.

She and her husband are much closer now to everyone and enjoy the great fishing nearby.

From Fernandina Beach, Florida, **Medra Lott Keyser '58** reports that granddaughter Elisa Wallace is a junior at Georgia State University; grandson Ben Arnold is a junior at American University; grandson Jacob Arnold is a freshman at CW Post; and grandson Christian Spitz is a freshman at William and Mary. Medra is also planning a weekend trip to NYC in October.

Katherine Bailey Presley '58 and her husband, John, moved from Oswego, New York, (with four feet of snow) to Bloomington, Illinois, when John became vice president for academic affairs and provost for Illinois State University. "I shall miss living on Lake Ontario. It is quite flat and waterless here, but lovely," states Katherine.

Busy in Sacramento, California, **Jane Reinmuth '58** is working hard as a telephone coordinator for the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee held during Memorial Weekend. The event showcases 138 bands from all over the world and includes a volunteer force of 3,800. Jane also appeared in a Senior Talent show in May, her second appearance singing with a banjo player.

Louise Sawyer Whipple '58 and husband Kenneth have moved to Staunton, Virginia, and truly enjoy this historic town. Within walking distance of town, they only use their truck for grocery shopping. Both usher at the new Shakespeare Theatre and are active at First Presbyterian, where Woodrow Wilson's father preached. They see two of their sons and families more often since they live halfway between them. The third son is in Nebraska.

"All is well with the Bells—still enjoying gardening, our coi pool, beach trips and volunteering in ICU," writes **Harriett Bell '59** of Greenville, South Carolina.

1960s

After 26 years **Betsy Palmer Smith '60** of Atlanta has retired from teaching at St. Pius X Catholic High School. "I now meet my grandsons (ages 10 and 7) after school each day—what a joy!" Betsy also tutors English at St. Vincent dePaul and works on spelling with two third graders in her grandson's elementary school. "Retirement is great!"

Judith Warnock Burns '61 of Houston, Texas, teaches piano in her home. Judy says, "If I am not playing the piano or teaching, I am either swimming or sewing a quilt together."

Congratulations to **Teena Cole Fulmer '61** of Newnan, Georgia, whose second grandchild, Preston Thomas Fulmer, III, was born on April 3, 2003.



1953 Row 1: Joanne Stiefel Eubanks, Caroline Eagerton Upperco, Edwina Hall Beall. Row 2: Susan Thigpen McDuffie, Olive Long Kellum, Margaret Smith Peet, Mary Treisback Argalas, Joyce Hussey Smith, Elaine Wood Whitehurst, Julie Withers Roland. Row 3: Anne DeAlva Strozier, Gerry Dixon Eddy, Grace Maxwell Sparrow, Patricia Zoucks Ownbey, Kathryn Parsons Willis, Margaret Neal Doty. Row 4: Jean Nixon Gaby, Jean Peacock, Laura Aylor Martin, Eugenia Trapp Rohrberg, Anne McMaster Jackson, Madge Hill Stidwell, Betty Lou Barber McClure. Row 5: Claire Houser-Dodd, Harriet Getzen Knight, Eleanor Isom Harrington, Carol Casey Rowland, Elizabeth Perry Bryan, Betty Wade Howard, Mary Joe Cawley McGee, Helen Blackmarr Outler. Row 6: Frances Bruce Van Horn, Alice Ann Hamilton, Ann Harrell Saunders, Thaddeus Grimes, Shirley "Pug" Barnes Wright, Amelia Adams Wilson, Gary Still Suters, Lou Bell, Betty Banks "BeBe" Jarrell Oetjen.

As President of the District of Columbia Library Association, the local chapter of the American Library Association, **Andrea Morris Gruhl '61** of Columbia, Maryland, was invited by First Lady Laura Bush to the White House on April 7 for the kick-off coffee reception for National Library Week. Andrea presented a plaque to Mrs. Bush making her a 2002-2003 honorary member of DCLA.

Sandra Combs Lewis '61 of Macon was selected to be in the 2003 editions of both *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who of American Women*.

Ermine M. Owenby '61 of Tallahassee, Florida, has served on the Dick Houser Center for Childhood Services Board since 1994, and was recently selected as vice president of the executive board. She also has been selected as the United Methodist Women's representative to the Campus Ministry, Wesley Foundation at Florida A&M University. While secretary of this board, Ermine has really enjoyed working with other lay and ministerial board members in the Tallahassee District. The students are very appreciative, as this is a non-denominational ministry that local Methodist churches and the Florida Conference support. Ermine also sings in the Centenary Methodist Church Choir.

Congratulations to **Ellen Weldon Dukes '62** of Austell, Georgia, a long time soprano in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus. The Chorus' recording of the *Sea Symphony* by Ralph Vaughn Williams won three Grammys this Spring. In June, the chorus sang with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, when it opened its summer Ravinia Festival.

1962 senior suitemates **Sharon Faris** of Gainesville, Florida, **Ann Yarbrough Mallard** of Atlanta, **Rachel Eppehimer Livezey** and **Harriet Holland Schmitt** of Santa Barbara, California, reunited for the first time since graduation at the home of Rachel and Fred Livezey in Greentown, Pennsylvania, in August 2002. It was so much fun they are going to make it an annual event!

Carol Anne Rollins Harrison '62 and her husband enjoy retirement in the beautiful North Georgia mountains in Blairsville. "Everyday is a new adventure." Church work, memberships in two arts and crafts guilds and volunteering for the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce keep them busy.

From Littleton, Colorado, **Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62** reports, "**Dottie Rhoden Hicks**, **Charlotte Jolly Hale**, **Rhoda Morrison Joyner** and I, all Class of '62 suitemates, met at Jekyll Island for our annual reunion. The October weather was perfect, as was the company—and even the food at the lovely old Jekyll Island Club where we stayed." Marybelle began the second year of her term as president

of Colorado AAUW and has enjoyed visiting the 25 state branches. AAUW has advocated equity and education for women since 1881, and she highly recommends that her Wesleyan colleagues join the American Association of University Women for the fellowship, lifelong learning opportunities, philanthropy and fun!

Last summer, **Sarah Calhoun Savage '62** and husband Bob of Fort Wayne, Indiana, enjoyed a grand tour of Italy. Their goal was to see as many of their favorite works of art as possible. They've been teaching art history all these years and were thrilled to finally view the art work in person.

1963 (40th Reunion)

Celebrating 40 years of GH sisterhood, members of the Class of '63 returned to Wesleyan from as far away as Canada to renew ties with each other and the college. Reunion chair and class president Karen Connor Shockley also hosted a Friday night party at her home and welcomed classmates back for a great weekend!

Cecelia McDaniel Brock '63 lives in Cumming, Georgia, and teaches at an alternative school, where she works with a special school population. She is also working on an additional teaching certification in special education. Cecelia has four grandchildren with a fifth due in July. Marc and Rebekah have two girls, Cathryn (5) and Caroline (3); Dan and Roxane have a son, Dan III, and one on the way; Michael and Christi have a son Noah. "I love being a grandmother!"

Peggy Craig Bryant '63 also lives in Cumming, Georgia, and teaches intellectually disabled students at Forsyth Central High School. Peggy sings with the Alpharetta Chamber Singers and the church choir. She enjoys her grown children and her six "grands."

With plans to retire December 31, **Elaine Evatt Crow '63** and husband Ron will manage the farm, travel, and enjoy their two grandchildren, Jean Kaye and Allan McInnis of Cherry Grove Beach, South Carolina. Ron (an attorney) and Elaine (his paralegal) look forward to trading off work schedules for the pleasures of fox hunting in Southern Pines (for Ron) and related activities (for Elaine).

Judy Woodward Gregory '63 of Quincy, Florida, has three wonderful grandchildren: Mary Scott Robinson (b. October 2001); Thomas Chapman Clarke (b. July 2002) and James Munroe Robinson (b. March 2003). "It is a joy to have them and love them. If you are ever in Abaco in Bahamas, please come see us at Man-O-War!" Judy also has a **Wesleyan First** as the first woman officer at First Presbyterian Church in Quincy (Deacon).

Judy James Hardy '63 lives in Cherrylog and sells real estate in the mountains of North Georgia. She expected her first grandchild (a girl) to be born close to Alumnae Weekend!

Mary Goss Hughes '63 is also expecting her first grandchild, due in August 2003. Mary is an education supervisor for the Missouri



1958 Row 1: Nancy Peterson Shaw, Medra Lott Keyser, Joyce Reynolds Davidson, Elizabeth Cawthen Hofmann, Carolyn Brice Hull, Emily Hardman Dickey, Clarice Pittman Elder, Madeline O'Rourke, Jane Howard Reinmuth. **Row 2:** Bee Seckinger Epley, Luleen Sandefur Anderson, Julia Stillwell Ketcham, Delia Bridwell Reynolds, Marie Girardeau Russell, Sylvia Tabor Shealy, Paula Pritchard Todd, Nina Beth Sheppard Terrell. **Row 3:** Anne Middlebrooks Gale, Martha Carter Middlemas, Mary Louise Rose Ackerman, Beulah Laslie Brinson, Gloria Barwick Szokoly. **Row 4:** Lynn Shouse Howard, Zoë Moore Turner, Betty Nunn Mori, Lorena Campbell Piper, Lola Harris Ellis, Eleanor Adams Lane. *Not pictured:* Rosemary Brown.

Class Notes



Department of Correction. She lives in Auxvasse, Missouri.

More Wesleyan Firsts! Diane A. Lumpkin '63 was the first woman Assistant General Manager, Operations, for Saks Fifth Avenue (in 1974) when Saks was 50 years "old." She was also the first woman Assistant General Manager, Merchandising, for Saks in 1976. Currently living in Charlotte, North Carolina, Diane was elected recently to the executive committee of the Learning Society of Queens University. She was also elected a deacon at Myers Park Presbyterian Church.

With a Fulbright teaching fellowship to El Salvador (January to June in 2004), **Tommie Sue Montgomery-Abrahams '63** of Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, looks forward to teaching at the Universidad Centroamericana "Jose Simeon Canas" (Central American University). Tommie Sue has a **Wesleyan First** as the first woman to do research in El Salvador from 1979—present. She has authored numerous books on the country including *Revolution in El Salvador: Origins and Evolution* (1982); and *Revolution in El Salvador: From Civil Strife to Civil Peace* (1995). She also edited *Mexico Today* (1982). Her latest book is *Peacemaking and Democratization in the Western Hemisphere* (2000).

"After years of dividing our year between Florida and Idaho, we are settling in Idaho so we can be closer to our sons. Steven lives in Portland, Oregon, and Thomas, who will be getting married in January 2004, lives in Aliso Viejo, California," writes **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63**.

After **Barbara Johnston Plaxico '63** retired from the Gwinnett County School system, she and Bob moved to Molino, Florida (north of Pensacola), to be near their daughter, Kelly. We love to have visitors. "Come and see me!"

Renate Butler Ryan '63 still enjoys her interior design projects in Miami and New York and her children and grandchildren. Daughter Erica and her family live in Sebastia, Florida, and had her second child (a son). Son Keith is commander of Seal Team Seven. He and his wife, Yvette, (XO aboard the USS Higgins) live in Coronado, California, aboard their yacht. Renate has a **Wesleyan First**, as the first woman to become president of the board of directors of the Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition held biannually in Miami. She was also one of the first women to graduate from the Graduate School of Arts and Science, Harvard University.

Retired from public school administration in 1993, Maconite **Karen Connor Shockley '63** works as an adjunct at area colleges, including Wesleyan. She enjoys her two grandchildren (#3 was due in June) and dabbles in designing bead and wire wrapped jewelry.

Ann Ewing Shumaker '63 of Columbia, South Carolina, proclaims, "Retirement is great! I recommend it highly! My grandchildren are wonderful; Amanda Kathryn (age 4), and Sarah Ann (age 8 months). There's hope for more Wesleyannes!"

Joyce Brandon Starr '63 and husband Robert both retired in May. Joyce taught for 29 years in DeKalb County and Robert worked at the Small Business Administration in Atlanta. Plans are to travel and rest. They have two sons. John lives in Memphis, Tennessee, and works with International Paper. Bob is a patent attorney in Atlanta.

Last year WJBF, Channel 6 in Augusta, honored **Glenda Barrett Bull '64** of Evans, Georgia, with the "Golden Apple" award. WRDW (Channel 12 in Augusta) also honored her with the "Time to Care" award. Glenda teaches second through fifth grades part-time at Craig-Houghton Elementary School. She looks forward to her 40th reunion next year.

"Congratulations to Ruth A. Knox. We're blessed to have her as president," writes **Carol Burt '64** from St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Busy planning her daughter's June wedding, **Nancy Gail Smith Hoff '64** of Stuart, Florida, loves retirement and enjoys volunteering in her church and at the Florida Oceanographic Society.

Maconite **Catharine Burns Liles '66** feels like her old self! After five years recovering from an illness and struggling to paint again, she has completed the cover for a cookbook and also a watercolor of a house for a book on Macon attractions. "This has been so exciting for me," writes Catharine.

Now that their children are married, David and **Betty Westmoreland Shuster '66**, who live on Lake Lanier near Gainesville, Georgia, are concentrating on their future. Last summer they purchased a second home at the beach in Hilton Head and are having fun painting and redecorating. In March, they traveled to Portugal, Spain, and Morocco. In April, Betty took her new daughter-in-law to England and France.

After 34 years in public education, 31 of which she worked as an elementary school media specialist, **Sally Farren Benoy '67** of Marietta, Georgia, retired July 1, 2001. Her son, Ben, is a sophomore at Georgia Tech.

In December, **Kathleen DeBerry-Brungard '67** returned to her hometown of Florence, South Carolina, to conduct the Florence Symphony Youth Orchestra's Holiday Concert. The performance marked her return to the orchestra in which she played as a student and the return of a Youth Orchestra. Kathleen has taught strings and orchestra in public schools in Georgia, Arizona, Nevada and Texas, conducted All-State Orchestras, and is an adjudicator of performing groups. She is a violinist and violist with professional orchestras and chamber music ensembles. Kathleen received a master of music from Northwestern University and has done doctoral work at Arizona State University and the University of North Texas.



1963 Row 1: Elaine Evatt Crow, Renate Butler Ryan, Diane A. Lumpkin, Nancy Williams Clarke, Sylvia Hutchinson Bell. Row 2: Barbara Johnston Plaxico, Cindy Speake Mynatt, Mary Goss Hughes. Row 3: Tommie Sue Montgomery-Abrahams, Karen Connor Shockley, Mary Lindley Rumph, Peggy Craig Bryant, Sally Irwin Williams. Row 4: Joyce Brandon Starr, Virginia Barber Perkins, Judy James Hardy, Cecilia McDaniel Brock, Judy Woodward Gregory. Row 5: Ann Ewing Shumaker, Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer.

1968 (35th Reunion)

Letters, phone calls and emails from reunion chair **Beth Rogero Bowen** and her committee members, **Ellen Beard Martin**, **Susan Cobleigh**, **Katherine Wilson Johnson**, **Cheryl Maund Page** and **Jane Price Claxton** sparked the Great Green Knight spirit in members of the Class of '68, who returned to campus to renew 35 years of friendship. Classmates were proud of 2003 alumnae award recipient **Marsha Fernald Sichveland**, enjoyed a Friday night Green Gabfest at Fairfield Inn Hospitality Suite and continued to recall "all things green" at the Saturday night class party held at the home of Jane Claxton.

"Welcome to any Wesleyannes who may visit Virginia's Historic Triangle. Please stop in at the Yorktown Shoppe on Main Street and say hello! Yorktown is a special part of our country's history and we love to share the village with visitors," writes **Linda Bowden Bennett '68** of Yorktown, Virginia.

In St. Augustine, Florida, **Beth Rogero Bowen '68** was elected chairperson of the commissioner's section of the Florida Mosquito Control Association. She is also serving her third term as chairperson for the Anastasia Mosquito Control Board in St. Augustine.

"My two grandchildren, Sarah Beth (11 months) and David (2), are the joy of my life," writes **Patricia Pearce Cardin '68** from Columbus, Georgia. Patty is the development director for Our House, a campus of the Methodist Home for Children and Youth that serves children removed from their home by DFCS. It is an emergency shelter and assessment center. "I love what I am doing because I believe in the Our House mission."

"Jack and I became grandparents again. Daughter Kitty and husband Dave had a baby boy—Benjamin Holland Ragals on November 7. Daughter Merci, husband Dewey and big brother Davis welcomed Robert Fletcher Johnson on January 9. "It's tiring but fun!" reports **Susan Swain Goger '68** from Atlanta.

Lynda Ogburn Hathorn '68 and husband Fred have bought a beach condo in St. Augustine, Florida, where they plan to spend some time in addition to their home in Springfield, Virginia. They have no plans to retire as yet. One son is still in college and the other four boys are working and not married.

Betty Smith Hipps '68 of Columbus, Georgia, has been an elementary school principal for twelve years in Columbus at a wonderful school. "I'm so grateful for the leadership development I received at Wesleyan!" says Betty. Her latest news is that she has a precious grandson, born April 25, 2002, Daniel Caleb Hipps.

Vickie Page Jaus '68 lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she has worked as director of field experiences at the University of North Carolina for nine years. Daughter Jennifer works at the hospital and daughter Margaret is finishing her master's in Early Childhood. Hal has finished 17 years as professor of science education.

Michele Daniel Kelly '68 of Germantown, Maryland, declares, "I had so much fun at the April class reunion; 35 years—whoa! My news—I live in Maryland, teach elementary music, and am a church organist. My husband, George, works for the federal government. Son Matthew (28) is a police officer, Jeanette (24) is engaged to a dairy farmer in Pennsylvania. Cathy (20) is a college sophomore."

Another **Wesleyan First!** **Dana Mitchell '68** was the first non-musician or non-clergy to direct the Montreat Conferences on Worship and Music (in 2002) sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Active in her church, Dana chairs the worship council, sings in the choir, and also plays the church carillon.

In Boynton Beach, Florida, **Gail Fulton Murphy '68** is proud of a new grandson born in January, Robert Lawrence Valashinas II joins sister Lauren, age 7.



Have Wesleyan tote bag will travel. (From left) Betsy Martin Bunte '68 of Marietta, Georgia, and host Irina Avramava in Kiev, Ukraine. Betsy participated in a two week educational and cultural exchange program in October in Ukraine. As one of 30 teachers selected nationwide by the US-Eurasia Awards for Excellence in Teaching (TEA) Program, Betsy visited schools, gave lectures on U.S. culture and teaching and discussed challenges facing educators in the U.S. and overseas. Betsy took her Wesleyan tote bag everywhere!



1968 Row 1: Ruth Anne Gray Randolph, Ginna Larson Schneider, Susan Cobleigh, Judy Floyd Smith, Betsy Martin Bunte, Pris Gautier Bornmann, Beth Rogero Bowen, Lynda Ogburn Hathorn. **Row 2:** Charlotte Knox Canida, Gail Fulton Murphy, Susan Swain Goger, Ginger Sanders White, Nancy Lowe Taylor, Marsha Fernald Sichveland, Peggy Ray Sichveland, Virginia Hiers Roebuck. **Row 3:** Babs Battson Ferrell, Katherine Wilson Johnson, Sally Duskin Speckels, Ina Davis Temple, Sara Walters Ingram, Katherine Dickert Huffstetler, Jana Witham Janeway. **Row 4:** Babs Richardson Pirkle, Suzanne Moore McGovern, Robin Hood Geisler, Mary Ann Bateman Spell, Cheryl Maund Page, Andgelia Proctor Kelly, Vicki Page Jaus, Ellen Beard Martin, Barbara Moore Purkerson, Michele Daniel Kelly, Jane Price Claxton, Dana Mitchell, Peggy Graham Holland, Diane G. Walker, Mary Abbott Waite. **Not Pictured:** Lynn Hays Davis, Lash Lawton Woodcock, Mary Louise Lanier.



The news from Marietta, Georgia, is that **Diane Harrison Smith '69** has retired! She taught for 31 years for Cobb County Schools in Marietta. With her children grown, Diane and husband Mike are making plans for a dream farm on 74 acres in Ball Ground, Georgia.

1970s

After 30 years in education as a college professor, consultant and director of curriculum, **Dr. Helen Cappleman '70** of Charlotte, North Carolina, is now a first-year fifth grade teacher and loves it!

Lindy Anderson '71 is a tutor and volunteer at the Special Olympics state headquarters in Clermont, Florida, where she resides.

Phoebe Hawes Conway '71 and classmate **Lee Rucker Hendry** spent a month touring in China last summer, immersed in the country's history. They climbed the Great Wall, saw the terra cotta warriors and cruised the Yangtze. They were also impressed by China's modern cities.

Another **Wesleyan First** for **Toni L. Jennings '71** of Orlando, Florida, who was appointed Lt. Governor of Florida by Governor Jeb Bush. Toni is the first woman in Florida's history to serve in this position. Toni was also the 2003 Commencement speaker. (See article on page 4.)

Cathy Coxey Snow '71, is the new first vice-president of the Macon Chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW). She is also the new secretary of The History Club of Macon, the oldest women's club in the

city. In May, the Golden Heart senior class selected Cathy to be the 2003 baccalaureate marker speaker.

Laura Lowe Harmon '72 of Montgomery, Alabama, is busy this summer helping daughter Stephanie get ready for her freshman year at SMU (Southern Methodist University) in Dallas, Texas, in the fall.

"Life is beautiful" writes **Elizabeth Rogers Kelly '72** from Jasper, Tennessee. She travels often to San Diego to visit her new granddaughter (born October 2002) and her son, Patrick, and his wife, Luisa. Her other son, Britt, is in law school. In the small Wesleyan world department, Elizabeth visited with **Susan Woodward Walker '70** at the Tennessee DAR State Congress and saw **Laura Lowe Harmon '72** in December. Elizabeth also keeps in touch with **Carolyn McCall Morgan '72**, who lives in Macon.

In February, **Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72**, past president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration of Nora Kizer Bell at Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia.

From Ft. Myers, Florida, **Pam Houston Rosenburg '72** reports that son Ryan graduated from Florida Southern College in May and is now the youth director at St. John's UMC in Winter Haven, Florida. Daughter Sarah will be a senior at Florida Southern and studied in Mexico for the May option. In July, Pam and husband Jim hosted a trip to England for a John Wesley Heritage pilgrimage.

1973 (30th Reunion)

Adriane Kelly Wood's home in Macon was the place to be for the Class of 1973's reunion parties. Adriane hosted a Friday night party and an "encore" party Saturday night, where pirates had plenty of time to "dig up" some treasured memories. Reunion co-chairs **Linda Brown Walker** and **Anne Thornton Reynolds**, with help from **Carol Bacon Kelso** and **Caron Griffin Morgan**, encouraged all pirates to come back home from the high seas.

Mary Harter Bailey '73 was unable to attend Alumane Weekend at the last minute due to the death of her brother-in-law. She sent her love to all the Pirates!

Carroll Ricketson Bolton '73 lives in Bainbridge, Georgia, and teaches elementary art three days a week. The other two days she does volunteer art work for the high school and middle school in Decatur County. Carroll's **Wesleyan First** is that she was the first person (not just woman) to develop an elementary art program in Decatur County elementary schools by writing and implementing a grant funded by the Georgia Council of the Arts. The program is now in its 2nd year. On the homefront, daughter Sarah will be a senior at Valdosta State. Son R. Parks Bolton III graduated from high school in May. Carroll also finished her tenure as Clerk of Session at First Presbyterian.

Susan Paul Duncan '73 is still at the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio, where she works as director of continuing medical education. Both of her children, Greg and Lauren, are in college.

In Greer, South Carolina, **Hale Coble Edwards '73** and husband Jim are getting ready for daughter Katie's wedding in August. Katie received a master's degree in Art Therapy from the University of Louisville. Son James is at the College of Charleston. Hale teaches Middle School social studies in the Greenville County schools.

Betsy McPherson Farr '73 reports, "After years of roaming, my 'Mercer guy' and I returned to home base in Falls Church (he's State Dept.) to find that roomie Beth Exley Paulsen lives just up the road in Herndon [Virginia]. We have lots more in common now than ever and, I no longer need to sneak through her makeup! Here we are setting the world straight at one of our brunch meetings... I always thank Wesleyan as I write my check—without my 'Talent Award' in '69, I might not have made it to college."

Carol Bacon Kelso '73 of Thomasville, Georgia, is proud of daughter **Anna** (PK Class of 2006), who is a third generation Wesleyanne. Grandmother **Marijean Allsopp Eiler** was



1973 Row 1: President Ruth A. Knox joins Carol Bacon Kelso, Lynn Branton DeLong, Natalie Ryan Gemmill, Carroll Ricketson Bolton, Lynn Ellis Rousseau. Row 2: Adriane Kelly Wood, Ann Wright Wansley, Anne Thornton Reynolds. Row 3: Linda Brown Walker, Miriam McElheney Jordan, Kathy Amidon MacGregor, Rebecca "Becky" Read Sullivan. Row 4: Virginia "Ginny" Slack, Caron Griffin Morgan, Susan Paul Duncan, Janice Mays, Hale Coble Edwards.

Class of 1947. Carol is also proud of classmate, **Dr. Elizabeth Lilly '73**, who has written a textbook and is a professor at Berry College.

Busy in Jacksonville, Florida, **Kathy Amidon MacGregor '73** has worked for Delta Airlines for 18 years. She manages the Delta Crown Room Club in Jacksonville. Her two sons (22 and 23) are seniors at the University of North Florida.

"I am blessed to have attended Wesleyan, a small college with lasting friendships," writes **Lynn Ellis Rousseau '73** of Gainesville, Florida. Lynn and Joel, married for 33 years, have two sons and one daughter. They also have two grandchildren (3 years and 3 months!). All of her family is in the same town. A dedicated volunteer, Lynn received the 1996 Advocacy and Human Rights Award from the State of Florida Commission on Human Relations and has chaired the Alachua County Fair Housing/Human Rights Board (1991-2001) and the Alachua County Disability Advisory Committee (1998). She has been program director of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Service Center of North Florida and President of Gainesville SHHH Chapter (Self Help for Hard of Hearing, Inc.) and a member of Flashha (Florida Association of SHHH). Lynn has been a performing member and director of DANSCOMPANY of Gainesville since 1983 and performed in Austria, Italy and France in 2001. In 2002, Lynn won a Mercedes Benz convertible in Las Vegas on a 75 cent slot machine. She drove the car to reunion!

Atlanta resident **GINNY SLACK '73** finished her 11th tax season with H&R Block, where she is a specialist in international/non-resident returns and serves as an advanced course instructor. She just began a second term serving on the board of directors for Villa International Atlanta, a hospitality ministry with living facilities for foreign researchers at the CDC. This summer she attended the annual conference of the Hymn Society in Nova Scotia.

In the fall, **Linda Brown Walker '73** and husband Harry of Raleigh, North Carolina, will be empty nesters. Son Lee is a senior at Washington and Lee and now daughter Louisa will be a freshman at Sewanee. For the past six years Linda and Louisa have volunteered in the community as members of the National Charity League (NCL), an organization that supports volunteer work done by mothers and daughters. Their favorite volunteer opportunity came in 1999 when they assisted swimmers during the Special Olympics World Games. Linda's **Wesleyan First** is the fact that she was the first Wesleyan graduate (only one) to participate as a charter member of the NCL Dogwood Chapter (the first chapter in North Carolina and in the Southeast). Linda and **Caron Griffin Morgan '73** had time to visit with Dr. Marcile Taylor and Miss Munck during Reunion Weekend.

"It is hard to believe that our children are already in graduate school!" writes **Ann Wright Wansley '73** from Florence, South Carolina. Both finished Wofford and are now at Wake Forest University. Dave (23) finished his first year in the MBA program and Elizabeth (25) is working on her Ph.D. (4th year) in Virology.

Barbara "Babs" Tjia Huang '75 of Edmonds, Washington, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Washington Society of CPA. Her consulting business, volunteer activities and tennis keep her busy. Her sons are doing well—one as a junior at the University of Washington and one as a sophomore in high school. Babs and Joseph just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in December. Joseph has been an engineer with Boeing for the past 23 years in Seattle.

In March, **Jackie Herron Gilmer '76** of Big Canoe, Georgia, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration held at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Georgia.

Being the mother of a 14 year-old who is "so going to Wesleyan" keeps **Patti Henry '76** of Wellesley, Massachusetts, in a state of wonder. Her daughter especially enjoyed Color Rush pictures. Patti is busy doing costumes for her third and fourth shows in the Wellesley schools this year. "STUNT was a great start for me!" affirms Patti.

Beth Holliman Boswell '77 is the president of the Piedmont Opera Theatre Board in



Caron Griffin Morgan '73 visits with Miss Munck during reunion weekend.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She is completing a three-year term with the Parent's Advisory Council of George Washington University in Washington, DC, as well.

After becoming a National Board Certified Early Childhood Generalist in 2000, **Diana Bowers Triplett '77** of St. Cloud, Florida, now works for the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards each summer, in addition to teaching first grade at Hickory Tree Elementary School in St. Cloud, Florida.

1978 (25th Reunion)

They are still purple to the bone and proud of it! Celebrating their silver anniversary in style with good times and good friends, the Class of '78 sported special "Knight" T-shirts (designed by



1978 Row 1: Janet Williams Sills, Beth Haugabook NeSmith, Mary Margaret Dunn Griffin, Wendy Coffman Cook, Janet Keys Rowe, Janet Rumler Brooks. Row 2: Jamie Bestland Bryan, Debra Howington Carraway, Becky Tatman Klase, Page Walker Jones, Judy Day Powell, Anne Scarborough Hughes, Jeri Ellis Goodman, Kathy Bradley, Cathy Bradach Rockoff. Row 3: Janet L. Friberg, Teresa Hatten, Sara Jane Overstreet, Millie Smith Beverly, Bryndis W. Roberts, Jackie Veatch Walker, Kathy Harvin Gibbs, Patilee Tate, Julie St. John Thornton, Laura Beth Perdue Kelley, Leigh Lambert Goff, Susan Kawalek Wheeler, Laura Shippey Gafnea.

Class Notes



Janet Keys and daughter) at a class party held at the Holiday Inn on Saturday and cheered at the annual meeting for their own **Kathy Bradley**, a 2003 alumnae award recipient. The PK Class gift was made in honor of **Anne Scarborough Hughes** and **Kathy Bradley** and in memory of **Joan Wheeler Riviere**. Our thanks to reunion co-chairs **Janet Ort** and **Janet Keys** and committee member **Cathy Bradach Rockoff**, who encouraged PKs to catch the spirit!

Millie Smith Beverly '78 lives in Griffin, Georgia, and is active in the Homeschool Organization. She still homeschools her two sons (11th and 8th graders). Her daughter is a freshman in college. Millie also plays the piano in her church.

Currently a doctoral candidate at the University of South Carolina earning a Ph.D. in early childhood education, **Janet Rumler Brooks '78** of Goose Creek, South Carolina, hopes to graduate in 2004.

Graduating in June 2003 with her master's in Mental Health Counseling, **Jeri Ellis Goodman '78** of Cincinnati, Ohio, is also completing her first year of doctoral coursework. She expects to graduate in June 2005 with an Ed.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision. "I have dreams of coming back to Wesleyan to teach. Finally decided what I wanted to be when I grow up. A professor!" exclaims Jeri.

Page Walker Jones '78 of Conyers, Georgia, is a part time Dental Hygienist. She married Tony Payne in September 2002. Son Bryan is a junior at Auburn University; son Wes is in 10th grade at Heritage High School. (See Marriages.)

Janet Keys '78 would like to thank all of her sister PK's for making their 25th reunion such a special weekend. She and Mark have moved

from Homewood, Alabama, to Vestavia Hills (three miles away) to a much needed larger house. Come and visit us! Janet also has a **Wesleyan First**. She was the first person to earn a master's degree in lighting design in the state from the University of South Carolina.

Lucy Lee '78 of Columbia, Missouri, has been Professor of Spanish Language and Literature at Truman State University for 17 years. Daughter Elizabeth (16) continues to be very involved in competition dance squad and in her high school pomps squad while son Giovanni's (12) sports activities have her attending more ballgames than she ever imagined possible.

Beth Haugabook NeSmith '78 and husband Bill live in Americus, Georgia, where Bill is an attorney and Beth teaches 4K at Southland Academy. They enjoy their seven year-old daughter, Dallas.

As a single parent of two children, Graceann (18) and Alexander (16) and a cancer survivor, **Sara Jane Overstreet '78** of Griffin, Georgia, is a school psychologist and special needs activist for several parent support groups. She is a member of the board for Dr. Murdoch's Fore(In)Sight. Sara also works for Anchor Hospital, volunteers in her church, and is an adjunct faculty member at Mercer.

Judy Day Powell '78 enjoyed seeing classmates at reunion. She, daughter Claire (who also attended Alumnae Weekend) and husband Steve live in The Woodlands, Texas. Appointed by Governor Rick Perry as chair of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Licensed Professional Counselors, Judy is the first public member to be elected president of the American Association of State Counseling Boards. Other **Wesleyan Firsts** include being the youngest person elected to the City

Council of Maldens, Missouri, and the first woman elected to her own term. She was the first woman mayor pro-tem. Judy enjoys homeschooling Claire (13) and has been a CASA (Child Advocates) volunteer for seven years. She is also the Houston Wesleyan alumnae club contact in her area.

Bryndis Roberts '78 of Athens, Georgia, is proud of daughter **Jennifer Y. Jenkins**, who graduated from Wesleyan College in May 2003. Bryndis also served as Jennifer's candle-lighter. Bryndis is vice chair of the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees and represented Wesleyan College at the Presidential Inauguration at Spelman College in March.

In February, **Gail Bacon Ford '79** of Lizella, Georgia, spoke to students about her experiences at Wesleyan and in the workplace. The convocation was sponsored by Wesleyan's Black Student Alliance and the Alumnae Office.

Lauretta Elliott Garrett '79 of Cusseta, Georgia, had a fun time sitting with the PK's at Alumnae Weekend and hopes to see lots of her classmates return for their 25th reunion next year. A part-time instructor at Columbus State University in the Math Department, she will be teaching college algebra and math modeling in the fall. Daughter Dana (20) is a junior at FSU majoring in World Music (she's a trombonist). Jennifer (19) is at Georgia Tech majoring in architecture. Christopher is a freshman at Northside High School in Columbus and Joseph is in 7th grade.

Cynthia Mercer Riley '79 lives in Beaufort, South Carolina, where she has served as assistant director of Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry for over eight years. She teaches reading, writing, math and English skills to adults, trains volunteers and manages programs in northern Beaufort County. Husband Jim has been minister of music and youth at Port Royal Baptist Church for nine years. Only son Joshua is a senior and will attend Charleston Southern University in the fall as a history major. "If he had been a girl, he could have been a Golden Heart!"

1980s

After teaching at Heard Elementary School for nineteen years, **Elizabeth Reed Puckett '81** of Macon retired in 2000. She and her husband now enjoy traveling when they want to and have fun with their six little grandchildren. "I have fond memories of being at Wesleyan and appreciate the wonderful education I received!"

Still teaching Gifted English at Cross Keys in DeKalb County, **Monique Martin Whorton '81** of Marietta, Georgia, has been married for 22 years to Charles. Daughter Elizabeth is 18 and son Josh is 16.



1983 Beth Koon, Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald, Beth Mercer Haley.

Our thanks to **Sally Bargo Litchfield '82** of Marietta, Georgia, for including Wesleyan in her column for the *Marietta Daily Journal* and reporting on Atlanta Club activities, as well as updating area residents on Wesleyan's prestigious history.

Congratulations to **Allison Harrell Mansfield '82** of Newton, Georgia, who has joined Heritage Bank as assistant vice president and manager of its credit department. A native of Macon, Allison began her career at C&S and moved to credit in 1985 and to trust in 1994. She was manager at SunTrust in Albany when she joined Heritage. She and husband John, who works for Interstate Warehouse Service, have one son, Thomas (16).

1983 (20th Reunion)

Members of the Class of '83 returned to campus and were impressed by "all things Wesleyan." **Ellen Futral Hanson** hosted a Friday night class party for the Golden Hearts. **Judith Lane Brown** and **Wadra Garner McCullough** served as reunion co-chairs and **Beth Koon** served as class meeting chair and presented the class gift.

Honored by *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* in 2002, **Cyndi E. Bell '83** of Suwanee, Georgia, was inducted into the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education at Brenau University in May of 2003. Cyndi looks forward to completing her master's degree in Early Childhood Education this summer.

Dr. Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald '83 of Bogart, Georgia, is delighted that her daughter, Melinda, will enter Wesleyan in the Fall of 2003 as another Golden Heart!

Beth Koon '83 spent Easter weekend moving back from Orlando to her hometown of Winter Haven, Florida. She stays busy with her new house, "Pino Poco Koono," with her job at Peace River Center and serving as president of the National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter. As NASW president, she makes frequent appearances around Florida representing the Florida Chapter on the NASW National Council of Chapter Presidents. Beth also has another Wesleyan First as the first utilization manager at Peace River Center, a CMHC in Bartow, Florida.

Lisa Story Neilson '83 was unable to make reunion but wanted to share news with classmates. Lisa moved to Illinois nine years ago and works in the corporate office of Discover Financial Services. Her mother died in January. She and Stephen plan two trips to Georgia each year to visit with family and friends. Growing up in Thomson, she is especially proud of Ruth Knox's accomplishments. Lisa would love to hear from the GH's of '83. (See *Sympathy*.)

A senior staff accountant at In Touch Ministries, the ministry of Dr. Charles Stanley, **Carol Ann Hamrick '84** of Duluth, Georgia, loves her job! Also, she is an aunt to Brian, Rebecca, and Sara Grace Parks, children of her sister, **Gene Hamrick Parks '86**, who attended Wesleyan for two years.

The Cochran City Auditorium in Cochran, Georgia, was the March venue for *Daniel: The Musical*, a 20th century retelling of the Biblical story of Daniel, written and composed by **Amanda Jacobs Dean '84**.

In February, **Anna Newman Jennings '85** opened a paint-your-own-pottery studio in downtown Gainesville, Georgia. She has returned to school for a masters in studio art at North Georgia State College and University.

Janie Chien '86 was a Chinese student at Wesleyan in 1982. She lives in Pasadena, California and will attend grad school this fall, where she will be in the TESOL program at CSLA. She would like to get in touch with **Melody Paul '85**.

From Macon, **Rita Delaney Harris '87** declares, "I bet I'm the first and only 1987 graduate to have two great grandsons—one born on December 27, 2002, and the other born on March 4, 2003."

Our sympathy to **Donna Waites Terrill '87**, whose mother died in April. Donna lives in Macon with her husband Tom and two children, Rachel (7) and Rebecca (21 months). Since June 2002 she has worked at Mercer University

as the coordinator of MAPS, or individualized business degree program. (See *Sympathy*.)

"The Art Studio has been flourishing since 1991. It is a joy to teach visual art. I now have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren and another great on the way," writes **Jackie Kunkel Ivey-Weaver '87** of Macon.

1988 (15th Reunion)

Can-it-really-be-our-15th reunion? Reunion co-chairs Pam Lohr Hendrix, Margaret Baldwin Ligon and Meredith Henderson Tyree helped classmates answer the question by planning for a great GK 15th. Green Knights settled into the La Quinta Inn for a Friday night gathering and then ate Mexican at Casa Maria for Saturday's party with friends and families in tow.

Congratulations to **Michele Arduengo '88** of Rockford, Illinois, who received certification as an Editor in the Life Sciences (ELS) in September 2002 from the Board of Editors in the Life Sciences. Certification is a demanding process that involves application, editing experience and sitting for an editing exam.

Amanda Blakey '88 of Longdon, U.K., enjoys her job in England and traveling through Europe. She spent time with members of Wesleyan's EMBA class of 2002 when she accompanied them (including **Lisa Shivelor '86** and **Wendy Newingham '90** of Macon) on their trip through Russia. Amanda was home over Christmas and New Year's and returned in May to attend Wendy's wedding and reception in Wesleyan's Oval Hall.



1988 Front center: Marieka "Ricky" Rogers' daughter Emily Rogers. Row 1: Beth Herndon, Kecia Whitlock Cawthorne, Pamela Lohr Hendrix. Row 2: Susan Baynes, Ana Fernandez, Lynn Abney, Stephanie Hooks Tinkey, Lorie Patterson Lanier. Row 3: Margaret Baldwin Ligon, Gwen Futral Gallagher, Donna F. Groover, Marieka "Ricky" Rogers, Mary Cobb Dugan.



Director of relationship management for TSYS in Columbus, Georgia, **Kecia Whitlock Cawthorne '88** is the mother of two children, Win (3) and Mary Elizabeth (1).

"Reconnecting with many of my GK classmates at reunion was great!" writes **Lorie Patterson Lanier '88**. She enjoys being a stay-at-home mom in Marietta, Georgia, to Jacob (6) and Caroline (2). Spare time hobbies include quilting and ballet classes (after 18 years!). Lorie also assists husband Stanton with his part-time music ministry.

1990s

In March, **Shantras Lakes '90** of College Park, Georgia, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration held at Clark Atlanta University.

Congratulations to Maconite **Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham '90**, who retired in June of 2002 and was honored by the Bibb County Board of Education for completing 37 years of dedicated, loyal and committed service to the Bibb County Public School System, to which she gives thanks for many blessings!

It has been a busy spring for **Lori Reese '90!** She has a new job in Charlotte, North Carolina, with the law firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice and will be taking the North Carolina Bar soon. She also married in May in the garden at Farrington House in Chapel Hill, an old farm turned into an inn. (See *Marriages*.)

Tracy Boyd Awbrey '92 of Carrollton, Georgia, reports that **Ginger Eckmann Nolan '92** of Lake Monticello, Virginia, is married to Jon Nolan and is the mother of Emily Ann (2), and expected another baby in May 2003.

Still living in her "humble abode" in Midway, Georgia, **Anne Cordeiro '92** works as the director of communications at Coastal Electric Cooperative, where she recruits students to send to D.C., administers a grant program for teachers and spends time doing various activities relating to the cooperative's internal and external communications.

Congratulations to **Stephanie G. Harvey '92** of Americus, Georgia, who completed her Ph.D. in Plant and Soil Science at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Currently, she is assistant professor in the biology department at Georgia Southwestern State University.

Diane Mayhue Johnson '92 of Covington, Georgia, and her husband, Rodney, welcomed twin sons, Aaron Michael and Casey Daniel, on March 25, 2003. The twins join big brother Christian Gray, born on August 19, 2001. Diane is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom with her three little boys. (See *Births*.)

1993 (10th Reunion)

Pirate reunion chair **Ruth Powell** and committee shipmates **Leigh Copeland Sawyers, Emily Adams Mowery, Mary Cay White McCullough** and **Nyssa Horton Hattaway**

set sail with plans for a fun-filled weekend for the Class of 1993. Friday night the pirates docked at the home of Mary Cay McCullough and then on Saturday at the home of Nyssa Hattaway. There were red sails in the sunset on Sunday when the crew met at the Cracker Barrel for brunch.

From Covington, Georgia, **Melissa Bell '93** will complete her six-year specialist's degree in Education Administration in August 2003. She still teaches English at Stockbridge High School, where she now serves as department chair. She sends her congratulations to **Diane Mayhue Johnson** and her husband, Rodney, on the birth of their twin boys.

Paige Getty '93 of Overland Park, Kansas, has been called as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia, Maryland. She will begin serving there on August 1, 2003.

Deborah Plowman '93 of Durham, North Carolina, has a new job as a clinical research associate with an organization that monitors clinical research trials for subject safety and data accuracy.

A marketing communications specialist for Danko Office Imaging in St. Petersburg, Florida, **Jill Hauver Celeste '94** and husband Richard are busy raising 3 year-old Tony and 1 year-old Joseph.

Congratulations to new mom **Nicole Keller Derrick '94** of Acworth, Georgia, who writes, "We had our first child on Sept. 21, 2002. His name is Jack Taylor Thompson Derrick and he is the love of our lives. We love being parents, the best job in the world."

Lisa Rodriguez Fountain '94 lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with her husband and two cats, working as a database administrator for Harvard University. She is celebrating her 10th anniversary this year with a fab trip to Paris—life is sweet!

Dora Ward '94 is serving a two year term with the Salvation Army in South Africa working with AIDS orphaned and HIV positive children. Plans are to return to post graduate work for her doctorate after she returns. According to grandmother **Lou Matteson Jones '46**, "Dora loves her work and can't believe that they pay her to do it. We are very proud of her."

Allison Wohlbruck '94 works in Wilmington, Delaware, at Juniper Bank as the director of portfolio project management.

In January 2002, **Merry Alicia Barton '95** of Beaufort, South Carolina, received her professional engineer license for the state of South Carolina. She is currently the assistant county engineer for Beaufort County.



1993 Row 1: Barbara Summers Blevins, Melanie Filson Lewis, Alison Charney Hussey, Debbie Plowman. Row 2: Emily Adams Mowery, Daphne Nobles Markham, Stormy Rudolph Moore. Row 3: Lanai DeVos, Ruth Powell, Jennifer Monjeau Sweat, Eileen Gray Booth, Paige Getty. Row 4: C. Melissa Bell, Leigh Copeland Sayers, Erin Mize Davis, Beth Hastings, Stephanie Ayers, Catherine Mims Williams.

Nancy Lamb '95 of Augusta, Georgia, received her Master's Degree in Interrelated Special Education and is currently working on her Ed.S. in Educational Leadership. She also closed on her first home in November! In December 2003, Nancy will head to Las Vegas to serve as maid of honor in **Suzanne Spooner's** wedding.

From High Springs, Florida, **Truly McClellan '95** says "hello" to all of her Wesleyan sisters. "I think of you from time to time and wish you well."

An accomplished horse person, **Louise Stewart Wilcox '95** teaches horseback riding and shows horses.

The weekly *Jacksonville Florida Business Journal* profiled **Elizabeth Leaman Hague '96** in December. Elizabeth is an information warehouse analyst in the corporate services data warehouse of Nemours, where she handles all data from Nemours locations in Wilmington, Delaware, and Florida. The firm tracks data and keeps it secure for doctors to access. Elizabeth is also working on a master's in videography at the University of Wisconsin-Superior through its satellite program. She and husband Brian are moving to Orange Park soon, along with their two cats, Sigmund and Floyd. Hobbies include acting, volunteering with a mentoring program and shooting nude photography.

Aimee Morris Lashley '96 writes, "My husband Derek and I are still living happily in Macon with our one year-old son, Camden. I love both of my full-time jobs, but being Camden's mommy is my favorite!"

Beth Hodges McKeever '96 of Charleston, South Carolina, is a partner in Luna Design Studio, LC, a business offering mural painting and faux finishing services.

Laura Meyer '96 has moved back to Atlanta after a wonderful year in Savannah and is working in the accounting office of a nursing home management company.

"I greatly enjoyed teaching two business law classes at Wesleyan this spring," writes **Sherry Neal '96**. She also was a candlelighter for her sister, Emily, at Alumnae Weekend. On May 17, 2003, Sherry embarked on her next great adventure—married life with Dan. (See *Marriages*.)

In February, **Berthenia "Joy" Moten Thomas '96** of Macon spoke to students about her Wesleyan experience and her experiences in the workplace at a convocation sponsored by Wesleyan's Black Student Alliance and the Alumnae Office.

Congratulations to **Julie Howell Helter '97** of Tallahassee, Florida, who is expecting another son in July.

Christy McMillan Pierce '97 teaches 4th grade at Cross Creek Elementary in Thomasville, Georgia. She and her husband and son, A.J., live in Miegs, where Allan is pastor of Meigs Baptist Church.

Mary Mitchell '97 loves her job as an assistant district attorney, "putting away all the bad guys!" in Swainsboro, Georgia. She reports that classmate **Jena Forehand Collins** is only 30 minutes away in Waynesboro. Classmate **Stephanie Pate Lewis** of Rome, Georgia, is expecting a baby boy in August, and classmate **Sherry Boyd** of Atlanta had her own art show in May in Columbus, Georgia.

1998 (5th Reunion)

*The Class of '98 painted the town purple like only the PKs can do! Thanks to the great plans of reunion chair **Missy Ryan** and committee members **Amanda Allen**, **Jennifer Pierce** and **Pamela Davis**, classmates enjoyed a Friday night out at Trio's (Macon's new martini/jazz bar) along with the Class of 2002, and had a get-together on Saturday night at the home of a Big Sister **Patrenice Guthrie Thomas '96**. A brunch at O'Charley's on Sunday was the venue for reading predictions from their 1st reunion in 1998 and for making new predictions for 2008!*

Kenithe Biggs '98 of Manchester, Connecticut, is the manager of software support and QA for a global technology company

that makes high volume scanners for health-care, tax, test scoring, and remittance processing systems. In addition to tying the knot with Ian Schwamberger, a database administrator and Microsoft specialist at the same company, her future plans include earning an M.B.A. and moving into a directorship position.

Carrie Felguth '98 of Jacksonville, Florida, graduated from Jacksonville University. "While I may be a 'Dolphin' now, I will *always* be a Wesleyanne at heart!" Carrie will receive her B.A. in Applied Music, with an emphasis in voice this summer.

From Smyrna, Georgia, **Melissa "Missy" Ryan '98** was just made regional director/philanthropy strategist of Fundraising Info.com. She graduated in May from Georgia State University with a Master's Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management.

Since September 2002, **Mandy Lynn Satterfield '98** of Villa Rica, Georgia, has been the social service treatment coordinator for Chris Homes, Inc.

Maconite **Amanda Benson Gay '99**, a.k.a. as one of the Iris City Girls singing group, enjoys performing and sharing her musical gift from God. What started as a talent act for Music Week at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, has continued for 12 years. The trio, known for



1998 Row 1: Missy Ryan. Row 2: Melinda Caspers Thompson, Tamalyn Jackson Gutierrez, Pamela Davis Corvelli, Leigh Anne Howard, Kim Benoit. Row 3: Lisa Hyman, Jennifer Allen Edwards, Susan Lynn Wilson Toler, Alanda Hermann James, Mandy Satterfield, Julie Houston. Row 4: Dean Zeitouni Ellis, Amanda Allen. Row 5: Bianca Venuto Towler, Shelby Smith, Lisa Bridges, Jennifer Pierce, Erin Dallas.



their versatile voices, have appeared in numerous venues this past year, including performing at the McDonough First United Methodist Church. Amanda's parents are both musicians, so singing was a part of growing up for her.

SherVonne Fowler Grose '99 of Byron, Georgia, received her master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Mercer University School of Medicine in May 2003. She will be working with Transitional Family Services as a family therapist.

In Athens, Georgia, **Jessica Jarman '99** received her Ph.D. in Chemistry from The University of Georgia on May 10, 2003. Congratulations!

In May 2002, **Melissa Roberts Mancini '99** graduated from Mercer Law School and recently passed the Tennessee Bar. She is an associate at the firm of Lewis, King, Krieg & Waldrop, P.C., in Knoxville, Tennessee. Melissa reports that **Amy-Chris Vinson's** ('99) "Southern Belle Sisters" are excited she's moving back to the South. Amy-Chris has taken a position with the Red Cross in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Amanda Marine '99 has just bought a new house in Ellijay, Georgia, and is enjoying landscaping the yard.

"I'm in my 3rd year of medical school and love it," writes **Nita Mohanty '99** from Savannah, Georgia.

Congratulations to **Ursula Worth '99**, who graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a master's in Education in Adult Instruction and Performance Technology with a concentration in Business Education.

Lindsay Cole Abernethy '00 of Alpharetta, Georgia, represented Wesleyan at the 2003 IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) Nationals and finished 10th in Alumni Over Fences and 6th in Alumni Reining.

Amanda Driggers '00 of Columbus, Georgia, received a master's in Actuarial Science from Georgia State University in December 2002. She is an actuarial associate at Towers Perrin, a human resources consulting firm.

Shannon McWaters Lyvers '00 and husband James finally have a place of their own! Their house in Jacksonville, Florida, was completed in October 2002 and they are enjoying the time alone.

Laura-Lee Williams McCranie '00 and husband Sam recently purchased a home in Perry, Georgia. Laura-Lee will attend Wesleyan again this summer to pursue her M.A. in Middle Grades Math and Science.

Maconite **Amy Stone '00** will marry in her hometown in Florida on December 24, 2003, and will graduate from law school in May 2004. She is working for one year in the Houston County (Georgia) District Attorney Office and loves her job.

Congratulations to *magna cum laude* graduate **Jennifer Bagby '01**, who received a Master's of Art in Teaching in Special Education with an emphasis on Emotional Disabilities from the University of South Carolina in May.

Heather Beene Booker '01 and husband Philip are expecting their first child. They live in Macon, where Heather works for Geico.

Classmates **Jennifer Cameron '00** and **Mary Mitchell '97** were bridesmaids at their wedding last fall. Sister **Megan '02** was maid of honor. (See Marriages.)

Andrea Morgan '01 is busy in Hampton, Georgia, planning her November 2003 wedding.

2002 (1st Reunion)

*Taking a cue from the PKs of 98, the Class of 2002 partied at Trios's on Friday night then met at the Downtown Grill on Saturday, where PKs were #1. Reunion chair **Elsa George** and committee members, **Natalie Puckett Evans**, **Catherine O'Kelley** and **Andrea Clark** greeted classmates at breakfast on Sunday at the IHOP, where plans were made for the it-will-be-here-sooner-than-you-think-5th!*

Ashlyn "Nikki" Bradshaw '02 lives in Augusta, Georgia, and works for Suncom/AT&T Wireless. She does sales and promotions for the Augusta market.

"I will be starting graduate school at Emory University in June in order to receive a degree in Anesthesia for the Physician's Assistant program," writes **Elsa George '02** from Martinez, Georgia.

Congratulations to **Catherine O'Kelley '02**, who is the new constituent services representative in the Macon office of Senator Saxby Chambliss. She moved into her new office in February, where the first order of business was to find the right wall for her Wesleyan diploma! Catherine interned for Chambliss as a student and is delighted that her new office is right around the corner from Wesleyan!

Vida Oliveras '02 of Stockbridge, Georgia, has signed her contract to teach math at Jonesboro High School for another year. She will teach Algebra II and Algebra III. "My first year has gone great."

Macon resident **Megan Temple '02** will start nursing school in the fall of 2003. She is still working at the hospital.



2002 Row 1: Elsa George, Vida Oliveras, Natalie Puckett Evans, Erin McGavin, Christy Johnson, Jennifer Calhoun. **Row 2:** Maria Williams, Amanda Smith, Silla Sumerlin, Bria Andrew, Andrea Clark, Megan Temple. **Row 3:** Nikki Bradshaw, Ebony Roberts, Laurie Gibson, Megan Beene, Catherine O'Kelley.



**Alumnae Weekend
2003**

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Campus Calendar

August

- 16 Residence halls open for new students
- 16-19 Fall orientation
- 18 Residence halls open for returning students
- 19 Final registration for fall semester
- 20 Classes begin

September

- 1 Labor Day, offices closed
- 11 Fall Convocation, 11:15 a.m.
- 11 Merchant's Festival
- 25 Fiscal Fitness Seminar, 11:15 a.m.,
Macon Business and Political Scene
- 27 Rafting Trip

October

- 6-7 Fall Break, no classes, offices open
- 18-19 Fall Family Weekend
- 20-24 Early registration for spring semester
- 27-31 Sisterhood Week
- 30 D. Abbott Turner Lecture, 11:15 a.m., Sally Foster

November

- 7 Color Rush
- 7-8 Homecoming
- 20 Thanksgiving Convocation
- 27-28 Thanksgiving holidays, offices closed

December

- 4 Holiday Banquet
- 5 Last day of classes
- 24-31 Christmas holidays, offices closed



Not your traditional commencement: The undergraduates were not the only ones excited about graduating. Graduate students joined in the celebration, too. At top, the ladies of the EMBA program pose for a fun photo before commencement. Above, Reginald Wright, MA graduate, waves to the crowd during the procession.

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